

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Micro surfacing on SR 98 in Imperial County

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Imperial County in Holtville along SR 98 from 5.0 miles east of west Route 7 to Evan Hewes highway

Project Location - City: unincorporated

Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a routine maintenance project in Imperial County in Holtville along SR 98 from 5.0 miles east of west Route 7 to Evan Hewes highway. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the roadway by performing dig-outs and placing micro surfacing to extend the service life of the existing pavement on SR 98, which will ensure safety of the motoring public. Additional work includes removing and re-striping the existing edge line and centerline striping. All work will be in Caltrans right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans will rehabilitate the roadway by performing dig-outs and placing micro surfacing to extend the service life of the existing pavement on SR 98, which will ensure safety of the motoring public. Additional work includes removing and re-striping the existing edge line and centerline striping.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

Phone number: 858-289-1270

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Signature: Emery McCaffery Date: 7/1/2026

Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 7/1/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.