Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Major Storm Damage and Flooding in Imperial County

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: Various locations along route 78, 86, 98, 111, 115, and the I-8.

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Emergency project to repair storm damage at various locations in Imperial County at State Route 78, 86, 98, 111, 115 and I-8. Caltrans will clean and repair all damage caused by Tropical Storm Juliette to ensure adequate surface runoff through the existing drainage systems for the safety of the motoring public. Project work consists of cleaning and sometimes repairing damaged culverts, flushing plugged drainages, removing excess material from inlets and outlets, replacing damaged drop boxes, and cleaning debris within Caltrans ROW. Six trees at WB I-8 Sunbeam rest area in El Centro will be cut, removed, and hauled out.

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269(d)

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project is taken out by a public agency (Caltrans) to repair and restore an existing highway damaged by flood, storm, and land subsidence, provided that the project is within the existing right of way of that highway and is initiated within one year of the damage occurring.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Petra El-Shammas Phone number: 858-472-7328

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: Petra El-Shammas Date: 7/2/26 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 7/2/26

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.