

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of ORANGE

From: Caltrans District 12
1750 E. Fourth St. Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: Encroachment Permit 1226-6RW-0171

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: State Route 39 PM 16.264/16.639 Project Location - City: Buena Park Project
Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The applicant, Crown Castle Fiber LLC, proposes to install conduits, fiber optic cable and vaults along State Route 39 (SR-39) in the City of Buena Park, in Orange County. Work activities include boring and placing approximately 2,199 linear bore feet of conduit, with an additional 17 linear feet via trenching, by using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and trench-in-pavement methods underneath the paved highway. No staging areas, or construction easements have been identified. The total Disturbed Soil Area is unknown. The work proposed by the applicant will occur within Caltrans Right of way. No new right of way is required. The public benefits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

Exempt Status (**check one**):

- ☐ 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: 15300 Class 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt under CEQA 15300 Class 1(c)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bahar Heydari

Phone number: 949-358-4691

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: Smita Deshpande Date: 7/21/26 Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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