

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8
464 W 4th St.
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: Director's Order-1T870-Replace damaged culverts

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 8

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 15 (SR-15) Postmiles R13.48 Clinton Keith on ramp.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Riverside.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Director's Order (DO) project consists of replacing damaged 18-inch and 24-inch culverts and performing associated roadway repair activities within Caltrans right-of-way (ROW). All work will occur entirely within Caltrans ROW.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

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: Class 1(c), Existing Facilities, 14 CCR § 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves replacing damaged culverts and conducting associated roadway repairs, qualifying as a Class 1(c) exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15301. This minor maintenance action is limited to the existing footprint and right-of-way with no

expansion of use. All work is restricted to the existing facility footprint and property boundaries. No exceptions under § 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Gita Tokhmafshan

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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:  Date: 07/20/2026 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

☒ 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.