

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: District Directors Order 0W500

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: State Route 74 PM 13.6/16.5

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Orange County

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Caltrans District Directors Order (DDO) will remove and replace 47 non-bicycle grates at 20 locations on State Route 74 (SR-74) within unincorporated areas in Orange County. This work is needed to immediately restore functional use of the state facility. Work will be completed during the day to facilitate faster repairs on the highway. No saw cutting or new asphalt will be required. Removal and installation of grates would be administered by a small truck mounted boom. Disturbed soil area is anticipated to be less than 1.0 acre. The project has state funding. All work will occur in State right of way. No new right of way will occur. 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(d)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt under CEQA 15300 Class 1(d)

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: 8/3/26

Title: 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.