Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main Street
Bishop, Ca 93514

Project Title: Independence Repairs 27

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: INY-395-R73.800/R73.800

Project Location - City: Independence Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this project is to make multiple repairs and upgrades to the Independence Maintenance Station to extend the facility's service life. The Independence Maintenance Station needs repairs and upgrades to multiple systems, including the plumbing and cooling systems. In addition, bird netting will be installed to deter birds from nesting in the equipment bay.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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: 15301 Class 1(a)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project aims to restore and rehabilitate an existing facility involving interior and exterior alterations to plumbing and cooling systems with no expansion of existing use. The proposed work will be conducted on the existing facility, and contractor use areas will be confined to paved areas within Caltrans right-of-way. The project will not impact any known environmental resources. No exceptions to Categorical Exemptions apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kristopher Bason Phone number: 760-784-4056

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: Kristopher Bason Date: 08/17/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

☒ 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.

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