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: Brady Cape Seal

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: On U.S. Route 395, from post mile R26.88 to R36.82, in Kern County

Project Location - City: China Lake Acres, Inyokern, Pearsonville

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This state-funded project is a cape seal in Kern County on U.S. Route 395 from post mile 26.88 near Athel Ave in Inyokern to post mile 36.82 near the Inyo County Line. The purpose of this project is to restore the pavement to a serviceable condition. The pavement within the project limits is experiencing distress and needs to be rehabilitated. The roadway (edge of travel way to edge of travel way) will receive a chip seal with gradation aggregate and a rubber modified binder, followed by a Type II slurry seal. A fog seal will be applied to the shoulders and may be applied over the slurry seal. Traffic stripe and pavement markings will be removed prior to the chip seal and replaced with paint. All staging areas and work will be performed within Caltrans right-of-way on existing pavement. No ground disturbance is anticipated.

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project aims to restore and rehabilitate deteriorated existing highway with no expansion of existing use in alignment with CEQA Categorical Exemption 15301 Class 1(c). The proposed work will be conducted on existing pavement, and staging areas will be limited to previously disturbed areas within Caltrans right-of-way. By adhering to the environmental commitments required by the technical studies, this 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: 11/03/2026 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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