

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation - District 11
4050 Taylor St.,
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: MC 26-053 Replace Lightpoles

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 11

Project Location - Specific: PM VARIOUS along I-5, SR-805, and SR-905

Project Location - City: VARIOUS

Project Location - County: San Diego (SD)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace nine (9) damaged light poles in-kind at various locations along Interstate 5 (I-5), State Route 805 (SR-805), and SR-905, all within San Diego County and south of I-8. The damage occurred because of vehicle collisions. Work activities include removal and disposal of existing damaged poles, installation of new light poles matching existing type, height, and location, reconnection of electrical service, excavation, concrete work, and traffic control within existing, disturbed Right-of-Way (ROW).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - District 11

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 (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 (d))
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

This replacement/new bridge will be located adjacent to the existing bridge and will serve the same purpose and capacity. The existing alignment crosses the All-American Canal (AAC) using a structure (Bridge 58-320) consisting of a more than 80-year-old U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR) water flow check structure facility. The original bridge was constructed for maintenance and operations purposes and does not meet Caltrans' safety standards.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Danika Zikas

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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: Danika Zikas Date: 11/18/25 Title: Environmental Scientist

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 12/01/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.