

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of San Mateo

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: SR-35 Culvert Replacement Project (EA 04-0V240)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on State Route (SR-) 35 in San Mateo County from post mile (PM) 18.00 to 18.02.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated San Mateo County

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes replacing a culvert system between post mile (PM) 18.00 and 18.02 on State Route (SR-) 35 in San Mateo County. The culvert system needs to be replaced to avoid pavement collapse due to culvert failure. The culvert inlet headwall on the west side of SR-35 gets filled with soil and debris and the outlet on the east side gets completely submerged, creating ponding. The outlet is 3 to 4 feet below the gravel surface and will have to be excavated to be made visible. Construction will involve trenching, cut and fill, and hydrology. Construction equipment may include, but not be limited to, excavators, backhoes, grinders, forklifts, loaders, and pavers. Some project elements will occur off the paved roadway. One way traffic control will be implemented during construction.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith

Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 8/26/26

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

☒ 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.