

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 S Main St
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Project Title: Cable Slope Repair DDO

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: KER-395-R88.8/R89.1

Project Location - City: Cable Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to repair existing shoulders, slopes, and guardrail to prevent future erosion. Concentrated roadway drainage is overflowing existing drainage facilities on State Route 58 causing erosion damage to the shoulder, slope, and guardrail posts from postmile 88.8 to 89.1. The project consists of repairing erosion damage and increasing the hydraulic capacity of the roadside dike to prevent future erosion. Work includes removal and replacement of 40' of the guardrail and dike, extension of the guardrail and dike, and placement of shoulder backing. Ground disturbance will be limited to the previously disturbed shoulder. All work and staging areas will be confined to Caltrans right-of-way.

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:

This project aims to repair existing shoulders, slopes, and guardrails to prevent future erosion and damage along an existing highway. The proposed project will be conducted

on previously disturbed areas within Caltrans right-of-way, resulting in no expansion of existing use. By adhering to environmental commitments, this project will not impact any known environmental resources. No exceptions to Categorical Exemptions apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Stephen Pfeiler

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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: Stephen Pfeiler Date: 8/27/2026 Title: Environmental Branch Chief

☒ 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.