CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): GLE - 45 - PM 0.0/7.0 - Double Chip Seal

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-GLE-45 **PM/PM:** 33.1-34.2/0.0-7.0

EA: 03-4G100 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a project to address the deterioration of the roadway in Colusa County and Glenn County on State Route (SR) 45. The project will occur from post miles (PM) 33.1 to PM 34.2 in Colusa County and PM 0.0 to PM 7.0 in Glenn County (continued on page 3).

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class** 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

- ☐ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the SER Chapter 34 for exceptions.

☐ **Covered by the Common Sense Exemption**. This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

☒ **Not Applicable**

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

☐ **23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)()**
- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()**
- ☐ **Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A	N/A	N/A
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A	N/A	N/A
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/22/26

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).

Continuation sheet:

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to preserve roadway pavement in Colusa and Glenn Counties on SR 45 from Colusa 45 PM 33.1 to PM 34.2 and Glenn 45 PM 0.0 to PM 7.0.

Need: The need for this project is due to the development of cracks and deteriorating roadway conditions which will be prevented by the project scope of work.

Scope of Work:
The project work includes:

- Double chip seal with flush coat.
- Asphalt cement pavement repair.
- American with Disabilities Act curb ramp improvements at Colusa 45 PM 33.47.
- Placing shoulder backing from Colusa 45 PM 33.1 to 34.2, Glenn 45 PM 7.0.
- Removal of optical speed bar pavement markings from PM 32.8 to PM 33.1

Right of Way/Staging

All staging would occur within the existing Caltrans right of way.

Disposal/Borrow

No material borrow is anticipated.

Consultation/Coordination

Tribal Outreach

On June 1st, 2026, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was requested to review the Sacred Lands Files for any Native American sacred site in or adjacent to the project area. The NAHC responded on June 3rd, 2026, with a positive response to the Sacred Lands File request and provided a list of Tribal entities to contact for consultation.
This list included the following tribes: Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Cortina Rancheria - Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, Grindstone Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki, Mechoopda Indian Tribe, and Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. Initial correspondence was sent May 28th, 2026, and was followed up by phone calls and/or emails on July 6th, 2026, to the following tribal entities:

Wayne Mitchum Jr., Chairperson, Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians
Charlie Wright, Chairperson, Cortina Rancheria - Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians
Ronald Kirk, Chairperson, Grindstone Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki
Dennis Ramirez, Chairperson, Mechoopda Indian Tribe
Rachel Vansickle, Tribal Council, Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians

On June 30th, 2026, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation deferred all consultation for these projects to the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians. On July 7th, 2026, the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community (CICC) formally requested consultation and project monitoring, citing concerns related to sensitive areas encompassed by the project footprints. A virtual meeting was convened on July 16, 2026, during which Caltrans provided comprehensive project information, outlined environmental protection measures, and consented to CICC's requests for monitoring and notification procedures. Further consultation efforts with CICC expected regarding tribal monitoring processes and will remain open for the life of the projects.

Historic Societies

Consultation with local historical societies was also conducted. The Colusa County Historical Society was asked to consult on this project via email on June 10th, 2026, and a follow-up was sent on July 6th, 2026. No response has been received to date. All consultation with historical societies will remain open for the life of this project.

Permits/Approvals

No environmental permits or approvals would be required.