

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans, District 06
2015 E. Shields Ave., Suite 100
Fresno, CA 9372

Project Title: Roadway and Drainage Repair

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

On State Route 166, near the City of Maricopa, near Pentland Road near postmile 3.0.

Project Location - City: Maricopa

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This State funded Director's Order project will repair a section of road on State Route 166 that is cracking due to subsidence. Cracking and settlement of approximately 100-200 feet in length and 3 to 4 inches in depth was observed along the roadway center. Geotechnical engineering's recommendation was to excavate and remove approximately 5 to 12 feet down, 200 feet long and 40 feet wide of roadway. Hydraulics recommended installing 24" reinforced concrete pipe to help with drainage.

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: Class 1, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the proposed removal and replacement of the cracking road on State Route 166 falls under the CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemption and will not have significant impacts by incorporating proper and accepted Caltrans standard practices and following environmental commitments.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Shane Gunn

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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:  Date: 9/22/2026 Title: Senior Env. Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: