

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title – Repair Sinkhole and Failed Culvert on I-15 Near Old Hwy 395

Project Applicant – Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Old Highway 395 Overcrossing (Bridge No. 57-0869).

Project Location - City: unincorporated Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Caltrans proposes a District Director's Order (DDO) to repair a damaged sinkhole caused by failed culvert to further prevent damage on a busy roadway near the Old Highway 395 Overcrossing (Bridge No. 57-0869). The scope of this emergency contract is to backfill any voids under the shoulder, remove and replace failed culvert section, and repair the damaged shoulder.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans proposes to repair a damaged sinkhole caused by failed culvert to further prevent damage on a busy roadway near the Old Highway 395 Overcrossing (Bridge No. 57-0869). The scope of this emergency contract is to backfill any voids under the shoulder, remove and replace failed culvert section, and repair the damaged shoulder.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery Phone number: 858-289-1270

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: Emery McCaffery Date: 9/22/2026 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 9/22/2026

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