



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Sediment Removal Along State Route 246 at Postmile 19.36 Project

DIST-CO-RTE: 05-SB-246

PM/PM: 19.36

EA: 05-930185

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0000000972

Project Description

The culvert conveys water from the unnamed ephemeral tributary to Santa Rosa Creek and has a history of plugging with sediment during storms. Accumulated sediment was excavated out of the culvert inlet, outlet, and interior for several years between 2001 – 2019, and has since clogged, leaving less than 1 foot of freeboard space remaining inside the culvert. Caltrans is proposing to trim two branches of one coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) tree located within the understory beneath the canopy of the tree and overhanging the culvert outlet to provide sufficient clearance for machinery to access the culvert outlet and interior. A loader and/or excavator will be used to remove accumulated sediment from the streambed within 120 feet upstream of the culvert inlet and 30 feet downstream of the culvert outlet, while a tunnel mucker and/or skid steer will be used to remove accumulated sediment within 133 feet of the culvert interior. No vegetation removal along the banks of the unnamed tributary to Santa Rosa Creek is proposed to occur.

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

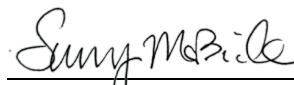
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- ☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 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].)

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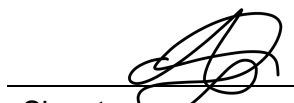
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