

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** California Department of Transportation, District 8  
464 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor (MS 827)  
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

Project Title: Fontana 210 Roadside Rehabilitation; EA: 08-1T730/PN: 0826000108

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Project Location - Specific: The project site is located between postmiles (PM) 12.9-15.0 on State Route 210.

Project Location - City: Fontana

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The landscape rehabilitation will occur in the city of Fontana in the westbound direction of State Route 210 in San Bernardino County between postmiles (PM) 12.9-15.0. Work will include removal of invasive plant species, degraded/dead trees, installation of new trees and groundcover plantings, implementation of erosion control measures, and upgrades to the irrigation systems. Irrigation improvements will consist of replacing multiple irrigation controllers, remote control valves, electrical wire, and irrigation pipe (12" to 24") with standard trenching. Equipment staging areas, driving/parking off-pavement, and ramp closures will also be needed. All work will be performed within Caltrans right-of-way (ROW).

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to maintain our Classified Landscaped Freeway status by re-establishing planting and improving Roadside Safety for Maintenance Workers by relocating irrigation systems to safe and accessible locations. Need: The need of this project is to address gaps of landscape that can lead to the de-classification of the Classified Landscaped Freeway status. Maintenance worker safety is a current issue due to the location of existing valves near the roadway. Additionally, invasive plant species have taken over the landscape slopes and require additional maintenance and worker exposure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: N/A

**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(h)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Covered exemption, maintenance and rehabilitation of existing landscaping, previously disturbed areas and habitat, and no impacts are anticipated.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kourtney Graves

Phone number: 909-472-1362

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.