

Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Transportation – District 11
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Encroachment Permit #11-26-6-US-0726

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 11

Project Location - Specific: PM 35.44 - 35.24

Project Location - City: Warner Springs Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

SDG&E proposes to perform overhead reconductor work on 5 poles along SR-79 in Warner Springs; 4 within Caltrans ROW and 1 on private property. Crews to string cables between pole P116439 (on private property) and pole P518024 (within Caltrans ROW) crossing over SR-79. Cables between Poles P518024, P815119, P3187766 and P116437 (all within Caltrans ROW) will be strung along the Westside of the SR-79. Pole P318766 (within Caltrans ROW), to be replaced wood to steel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation – District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation – District 11

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 5 - PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15305[b]
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 5 consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, including but not limited to:

(a) Minor lot line adjustments, side yard, and set back variances not resulting in the creation of any new parcel; (b) Issuance of minor encroachment permits; (c) Reversion to acreage in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ana Ela Palo

Phone number: 858-472-7103

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: *Koji Tsunoda* Date: 10/05/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 10/05/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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