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BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

LEAD AGENCY Kern County Public Works

PROJECT TITLE CONTRACT NO. 26027 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR
RAILROAD TIE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS ON BENA ROAD, CALIENTE (S.D. #2)

PROJECT APPLICANT Kern County Public Works

PHONE NUMBER (661) 862-5100

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS: 2700 M Street, Suite 400

CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93301

WORK ORDER # _____ ☒ 30-Day Posting ☐ 35-Day Posting ☐ 45-Day Posting ☐ Other _____

CONTACT PERSON Jose Cisneros PHONE NUMBER (661) 862-5028

CHECK DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- ☐ Notice of Availability.....**FILED**.....No Fee
KERN COUNTY
- ☐ Notice of Intent.....**OCT 03 2026**.....No Fee
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
- ☐ Notice of Preparation.....**AUDITOR CONTROLLER COUNTY CLERK**.....No Fee
BY [Signature] DEPUTY
- ☐ Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- ☐ Other _____.....No Fee
- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$4227.50
☐ Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number# _____
☐ DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
☐ County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$3043.75
☐ Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number# _____
☐ DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
☐ County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- ☒ Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
☒ County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

TOTAL \$ **50.00**

*Additional copies to be returned to: Jose Cisneros, Planner I, Kern County Public Works, Transportation Division

*Method of return: ☐ Hold for pick-up/Call # _____ ☒ Interoffice Mail

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- ☒ JV - Ledger Account 6050 Cost Center 1786CC Fund 1348FD Spend Category 1101SC
☐ Money Order
☐ Check Project No. 1786CC-RC00313

Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on 10/02/2026
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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KERN COUNTY

OCT 03 2026

CEQA MEX ESPINOZA
AUDITOR CONTROLLER COUNTY CLERK
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970- CEQA)**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has approved the following project in the County of Kern, State of California:
 - a. Department: **Kern County Public Works Department**
 - b. Name of Project: **CONTRACT NO. 26027, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR RAILROAD TIE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS ON BENA ROAD, CALIENTE (S.D. #2)**
 - c. Street Address/Cross-Street of Project: **Bena Road between Caliente Creek and Caliente Bodfish Road**
 - d. Description of Project: **The work to be performed consists, in general, of road reconstruction, grading of slopes, and removal of existing cattle crossings. The redwood from cattle crossing will be salvaged and reclaimed.**

2. Board of Supervisors Approval - Summary of Proceedings:

Adoption date: 09/29/26

Item No. CA-21

3. The Board of Supervisors has determined that, under the provisions of section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the action is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines concerning the evaluation of projects, further environmental review, and the preparation and review of environmental documents. Therefore, no environmental documents were required for consideration of the action taken.

This Notice of Exemption is filed on September 30, 2026.



Joshua Champlin, P.E., Director
Public Works Department

Contact:
Jose Cisneros
(661) 862-5028

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Notice of Environmental Document
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

FROM: Kern County Public Works Dept.
2700 "M" Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Project Title: Railroad Tie Culvert Replacements on Bena Road

Project Location-Specific: Bena Road between Caliente Creek and Caliente Bodfish Road

Project Location-City: Caliente

Project Location-County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of Kern proposes a railroad tie culvert replacement project on Bena Road. The work to be performed consists, in general, of road reconstruction, grading of slopes, and removal of existing cattle crossings. The redwood from cattle crossing will be salvaged and reclaimed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Kern County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kern County Public Works Department

Exempt Status:

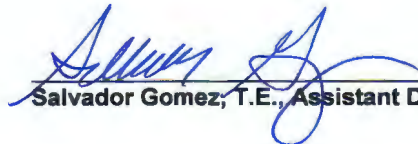
- ☐ Consistent with Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning (Sec.15183)
 - ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
 - ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a))
 - ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(c))
 - ☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3))
 - ☒ Categorical Exemption – Existing Facilities; Section 15301(c)
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Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Under the provisions of Sect. 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the action is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines concerning the evaluation of projects, further environmental review, and the preparation and review of environmental documents. Therefore, no environmental documents were required for consideration of the action taken.

Contact Person:
Jose Cisneros

Telephone No.
(661) 862-5028

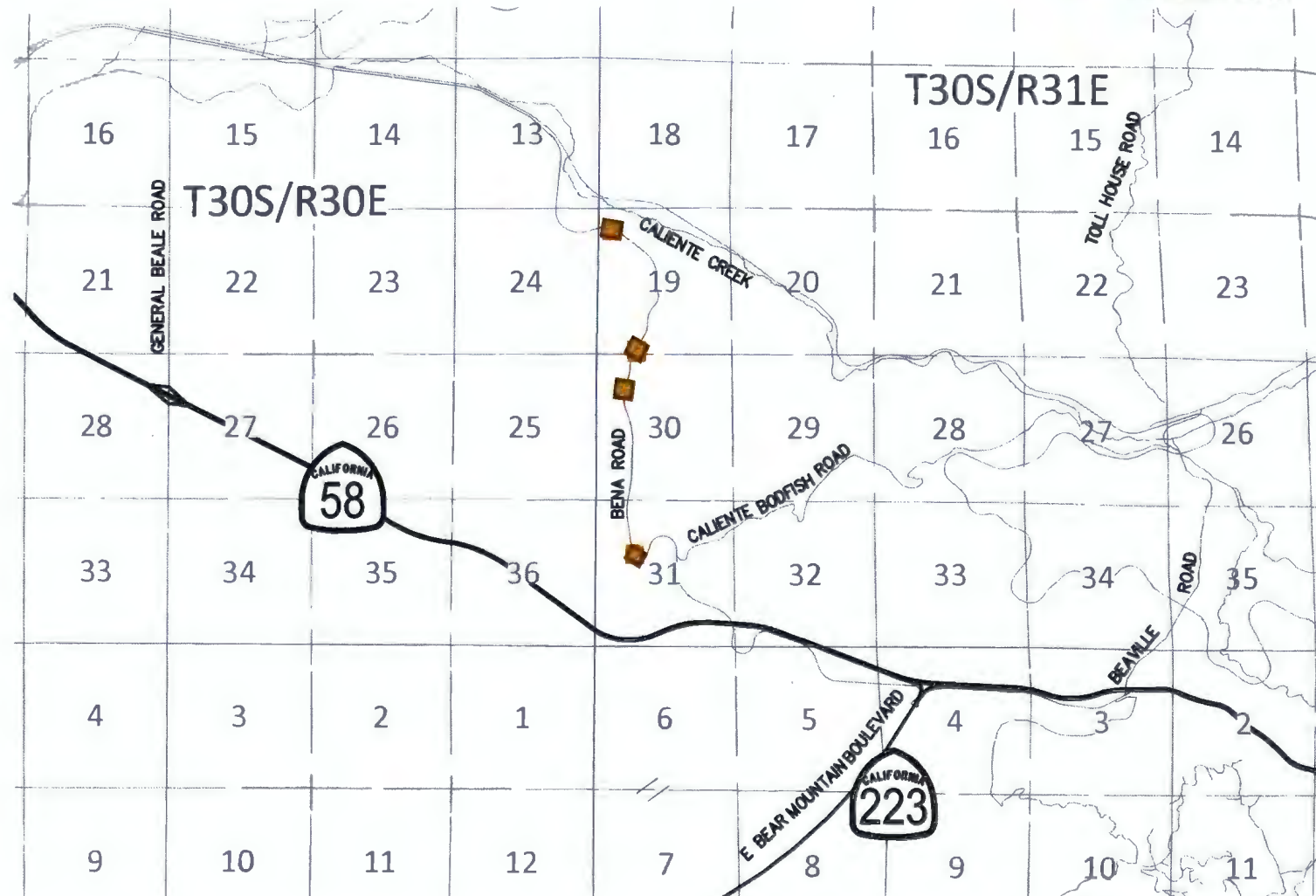
Date Received for Filing:


Salvador Gomez, T.E., Assistant Director

09/29/2026
Date

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 **PROJECT
LOCATION**



LOCATION MAP

COUNTY OF KERN - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SCALE IN INCHES	0	1	2	3
CALCULATED- DESIGNED BY	J. QASEMI	DRAFTED BY	I.NUNEZ	
CHECKED BY	M. ENSMINGER	DATE DRAFTED	9/14/2026	

**PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD TIE CULVERT
REPLACEMENTS ON BENA ROAD**

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/2/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 28013	

PROJECT TITLE

CONTRACT NO. 26027 PLANS. SPECIFICATIONS, AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR RAILROAD TIE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS ON BENA ROAD, CALIENTE (S.D. #2)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (661) 862-5100
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2700 M STREET, SUITE 400	CITY BAKERSFIELD	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 93301	

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☒ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

M. VACA RAMOS, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS