Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Failed Drainage System Replacements

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: I-5 near JNO Harbor Drive, and SR 78

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
A Drainage and Culvert Repair Project on the I-5 near JNO Harbor Drive, and SR 78 in Escondido, in San Diego County. Project work on the I-5 consists of removing and replacing an overside drain and repairing the slope. Project work on SR 78 consists of removing and replacing a failed culvert, filling voids caused by depressions in the roadway, repaving the road, and restriping.

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:
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269(d)

Reasons why project is exempt:
The Project is carried out by Caltrans, a public agency, to repair and restore an existing highway damaged by flood, storm, land subsidence, and/or landslide, provided that the project is within the existing right of way of that highway and is initiated within one year of the damage occurring.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Petra El-Shammas Phone number: 858-472-7328

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: Petra A Shammas Date: 10/13/26 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 10/13/26

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