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

## Project Information

**Project Name (if applicable):** Encroachment Permit 11-26-N-MC-0409

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 11-SD-5 **PM/PM:** R61.46

**EA: 11-26-N-MC-0409 / 0000001157** **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

## Project Description

The proposed work under Encroachment Permit No. 11-26-N-MC-0409 is a component of the Red Beach Operations Access Points Project (P-159) on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The USMC, as federal lead agency, evaluated the project under NEPA through an April 2010 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA – FONSI), an April 2012 Supplemental EA-FONSI, and a January 2018 Second Supplemental EA - FONSI. The current permit work consists of completing structural, roadway, pavement, barrier, and storm-drainage improvements included in the previously analyzed action. This work will be performed under Interstate 5, in San Diego County, at Post Mile R61.46 adjacent to the Las Flores Creek, in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) Camp Pendleton. The project's proposed action consists of constructing new and modifying existing transit and maneuver corridors. The transit and maneuver corridors are avenues or roads that facilitate the transit of troops and tactical vehicles between Red Beach and inland training areas at USMC Camp Pendleton. At Red Beach, a corridor measuring 15 feet high and 50 feet wide is required to allow tactical vehicles and equipment to access inland training sites.

## 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 5 (b).** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15305)

- ☐ 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].)

**Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief**

| Koji Tsunoda | Koji Tsunoda | 10/14/2026 |
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| Print Name | Signature | Date |

**Project Manager**

| Luis Medina | Luis Z Medina | 10/13/2026 |
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| Print Name | Signature | Date |

**Caltrans NEPA Determination** (Check one)

☒ **Not Applicable**

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

☐ **23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)( )**
- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)( )**
- ☐ **Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

**Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief**

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| Print Name | Signature | Date |

**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

| N/A | N/A | N/A |
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| Print Name | Signature | Date |

**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):** N/A
**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** N/A

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).