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: Shoulder Widening on SR 78

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: East Bound and West Bound side of the SR-78.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
A Shoulder Widening project on State Route (SR) 78 in San Diego County. Shoulder Widening shall take place on both the East Bound and West Bound side of the SR-78. Project work consists of cold planing, HMA overlay, placing Class 2 base, and fog seal coat. Additionally, there will be the removal of a dirt base, HMA overlay, placing Class 2 base, and fog seal coat.

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: 15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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 El-Shammas Date: 10/17/26 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 10/19/26

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