

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation-District 8
464 W. 4th Street. San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: EXTEND MGS RIV 215

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation-District 8

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 215;015 - PM: R10.89/ R11.6; 8.5/ 18.00

Project Location - City: Murrieta and Wildomar Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to upgrade existing metal beam guardrail to Midwest guardrail system (MGS) along southbound Interstate 215 (I-215) and the southbound Los Alamos Road off-ramp near Los Alamos Road in Riverside County. This project will upgrade existing asphalt concrete (AC) dike. Additionally, the project includes four guardrail locations and one temporary construction staging area on Interstate 15 (I-15). The proposed guardrail for three of the new locations will anchor to the existing bridge railing. The construction of a concrete barrier transition will be required to anchor new guardrail to existing bridge rail, as well as the MVP that will be added on the I-215 southbound near the southbound Los Alamos Road off-ramp. All construction work is within State R/W.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical

equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cesar Garcia

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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: Cesar Garcia Date: 10/22/26 Title: Senior Env. Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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