Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans-District 6
2015 E. Shields Avenue-Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93726

Project Title: KIN 41 Drainage Restoration-Utility Potholing (06-1E950)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: On State Routes 33,41,43,198 and 269 at various post miles in Kings County.

Project Location - City: Lemoore, Hanford, Avenal, Kettleman City

Project Location - County: Kings County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct utility potholing on State Routes 33, 41, 43, 198, and 269 in Kings County. Potholing is required to verify that no underground utilities, such as telecommunications or natural gas lines, would be affected within the project limits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: Class 6, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project is exempt under section 15306, Information Collection class 6. Caltrans proposes to conduct utility potholing on State Routes 33, 41, 43, 198, and 269 in Kings County. All potholing work is within the existing State Right of Way. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Judith Lopez Phone number: 559-240-5068

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: Judith Lopez Date: 10/14/26 Title: Senior Environmental 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.