Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Contra Costa

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: SR-4 Culvert Replacement Project (EA 04-0V230)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on State Route (SR-) 4 in Contra Costa County, near Hercules, 0.5 mile east of Franklin Canyon Road at post mile (PM) R2.8R.

Project Location - City: Hercules Project Location - County: Contra Costa County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes replacing a culvert on State Route (SR-) 4 in Contra Costa County, near Hercules, 0.5 mile east of Franklin Canyon Road at post mile (PM) R2.8R. The roadway will be trenched to access and replace the approximately 55-foot long 18-inch culvert. The roadway will then be repaved. Clearing and grubbing of vegetation may be required prior to construction. Replacement of 2 or 3 guardrail posts on both sides of the culvert may be required for constructability. Construction equipment may include, but not be limited to, saw cut machines, excavators, backhoes, compactors, pavers, and trucks.

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

Reasons why project is exempt:
Class 1 Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 10/27/26

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

☒ 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.