Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) – District 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton, CA 95205

Project Title: 10-1V350-Pavement Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: In Merced County, near Gustine, on State Route (SR) 140 from Post mile (PM) 4.3 to PM 6.1.

Project Location - City: Gustine Project Location - County: Merced County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project proposes a cold plane and to place hot mix asphalt (HMA) from edge of pavement (EP) to EP. Dig outs will be performed by the process of cold planing. Existing white and yellow striping and pavement markings will be removed with the pavement during the cold planning process.

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: 1 Existing Facilities section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ishnav Guleria Phone number: 209-986-1231

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: Ishnav Guleria Date: 10/28/2026 Title: Associate Environmental Planner (Generalist)

☒ 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.