Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: Placer and El Dorado Traction Sand Traps (HM-233)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 3

Project Location - Specific: El Dorado County 89, Placer County 89 and 28.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated area Project Location - County: Placer and El Dorado Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The proposed project would preserve the roadway by maintaining the operational effectiveness and structural functionality of existing sand traps at 16 locations along State Routes 28 and 89 in Placer and El Dorado Counties.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Marta Martinez-Topete

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: Existing Facilities Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project is exempt because it does not have the potential to have an adverse effect on the environment, and the project also falls into one of the exemption categories.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Marta Martinez-Topete Phone number: 530-720-2870

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: Thaleena Bhattal Date: 10/29/26 Title: SR 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.