Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 8
464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor (MS 827)
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

Project Title: SR-18 Dry Creek Maintenance Station Electrical Upgrades (L5711); EA: 08-1T290/PN: 0826000034

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Project Location - Specific: The project site is located at postmile (PM) 32.900 at Dry Creek Maintenance Station (L5711).

Project Location - City: Running Springs Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to 1. Relocate and replace the existing main switchgear box in the maintenance building; 2. A new generator pad (16 feet by 14 feet) will be built to relocate the existing Generac generator (80kw) and support a 200kw generator in the future. Dry Creek Maintenance Station (DCMS) (L5711) is located on State Route 18 (SR-18) at 32821 Hilltop Boulevard in the City of Running Springs, in San Bernardino County at postmile (PM) 32.900.

All project work will be in DCMS, which is in existing Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW) and is under a Special-Use Permit - United States Forest Service (SUP-USFS). There will be ground disturbance of up to 3 feet and utility relocation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: N/A

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 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Covered exemption, existing facility, previously disturbed areas and habitat, and no impacts are anticipated.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kourtney Graves Phone number: 909-472-1362

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: Kourtney Graves Date: 10/29/2026
Title: Environmental Branch Chief

☒ 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.