CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Placerville Maintenance Station Retaining Wall

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-ED-50 **PM/PM:** 18.90

EA: 03-1N180 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a Director's Order for emergency repairs in El Dorado County along U.S. 50 at Post Mile 18.90. The proposed work includes mobilization, removal of damaged fencing, installation of new retaining wall with drainage abilities, installation of security fencing and related security measures, replacement of asphalt concrete (AC) dike, placement of rock slope protection (RSP) and other incidental work.

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:
☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class** 1(d). (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
☒ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the SER Chapter 34 for exceptions.
☐ **Covered by the Common Sense Exemption**. This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Thaleena Bhattal	Thaleena Bhattal	11/5/26
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Anthony Thurman	Anthony Thurman	11/05/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

☒ **Not Applicable**

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

☐ **23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)([Enter activity number])**
- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)([Enter activity number])**
- ☐ **Activity [Enter activity number] listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/04/2026

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).

Continuation sheet:

Scope of Work

Construction is expected to last approximately 90 working days.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to repair storm-related damage at the Placerville Maintenance Station by stabilizing the eroded creek bank, restoring site security, and reducing the risk of future flooding.

The project is needed to repair storm damage, stabilize the eroded creek bank, restore site security, and reduce the risk of future flooding at the Placerville Maintenance Station.

Right of Way/Staging

Work would occur within Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow

No disposal or borrow sites are required for this project.

Consultation/Coordination

No consultation or coordination would be required.

Permits/Approvals

The project will require a Section 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement and a Section 1610 permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - ED - 050 **PM/PM:** 18.900/18.900 **EA/Project ID:** 03-1N180_ / 0324000312

Project Description: Mobilization, remove damaged fence and install new retaining wall with drainage abilities, install security fencing/measures, replace AC dike, place RSP, and incidental work

Date (Last modification): 11/4/2026

Environmental Planner: Obaida Akther **Phone:** 530-812-3325

Construction Liaison: James Robertson **Phone:** 916-803-3747

Resident Engineer: Jody Phillps **Phone:**

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1600	California Department of Fish & Wildlife	1/5/26	10/30/26				
1610 Emergency	California Department of Fish & Wildlife	7/17/24	7/17/24				

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Cultural Resources	Comply with Standard Provision 14-2 Cultural Resources General	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						

POST-CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Permits	Caltrans will mitigate for the permanent loss of 0.03 acres of stream bank and riparian habitat along Hangtown Creek at a 10:1 ratio by debiting 0.3 acre of preserved riparian habitat at C4 Ranch	1600 Agreement	n/a	Mitigation Specialist			Allison Kunz	6/30/26		
Environmental Compliance Review	M600 CEC at CCA	n/a	n/a	ECL			James Robertson	11/4/26		

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