Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County
Department of Public Works
Environmental Management Division
825 E. Third Street, Room 123
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835

Project Description

Project Title: National Trails Highway Bridges 113 and 130 Emergency Activities (Nov 2026)

Project Location: The Bridges are located along National Trails Highway, near the unincorporated community of Essex, San Bernardino County.

Project Description: Recent storm events in the desert areas have caused concentrated runoff, debris movement, sediment deposition, and severe erosion at Bridges 113 and 130 along National Trails Highway. These storm-related impacts created cavities and undermined bridge wing walls, abutments, channel slopes, bridge piles, fascia, and curbs. Both bridges are currently closed because the damage presents an immediate threat to structural stability, public safety, and transportation access. Work includes but is not limited to, removing storm-deposited and unstable material, restore channel capacity, stabilize erosion cavities and bridge foundations, repair erosions and slopes; repair damaged wing walls, abutments, fascia, curbs, and other appurtenant structures using in-kind material. The work must be completed before additional El Niño storms to prevent further erosion, undermining, structural damage, and potential bridge failure.

Applicant

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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:
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
☐ Other Exemption:

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15269(a) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts the repair or restoration of facilities damaged by a disaster in an area where the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency as Governor Newsom did for the 2026–2027 El Niño event on September 21, 2026. Section 15269(b) exempts emergency repairs to publicly owned service facilities necessary to maintain services essential to public health, safety, or welfare. Section 15269(c) exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Jonathan Dillon — Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div. — 11/19/26

Signature Jonathan Dillon on behalf of Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E. — *Title* — *Date*

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A