Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main Street
Bishop, CA

Project Title: Bishop Area Sign Replacement

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 168 from post mile 17.6 to 18.3 and on U.S. Route 395 from post mile 114.8 to 117.4.

Project Location - City: Bishop Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this project is to remove and replace signage throughout the project area with new signs that meet current Caltrans standards.

Existing signs are worn, faded due to sun, wind, and/or age or are missing and need to be removed and replaced with new signage that meets current Caltrans standards.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: 15301(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
After an environmental review of the proposed work and project area, it has been determined that no known environmental resources will be impacted by the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebeka Riesen Phone number: 442-359-8454

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: Kristopher Bason Date: 11/17/2026 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.

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