

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Census System Lifecycle Reset along I-8/Vanderlinden Rd in Imperial County

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Along I-8 and Vanderlinden Road in Imperial County, which is east of Holtville, CA

Project Location - City: unincorporated Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to reset the life cycle of the Census System at three locations (#692, #704, #964) along I-8 and Vanderlinden Road in Imperial County, which is east of Holtville, CA. The project work consists of removing the existing controller, salvaging equipment, installing new 334LS controller cabinets and EMU3B counter traffic monitoring system, and replacing the existing loop detection system. The existing Census System has reached its end-of-life cycle, as the components are prone to failure and new equipment is necessary to meet current directives and policies. The Census system is deemed necessary to be replaced to reset its life cycle and to comply with the SB-1 Mandate. There will be no ground or vegetation disturbance as all work will be completed within the existing cabinets. All work is within State Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans will reset the life cycle of the Census System at three locations (#692, #704, #964) along I-8 and Vanderlinden Road in Imperial County, which is east of Holtville, CA. The project work consists of removing the existing controller, salvaging equipment, installing new 334LS controller cabinets and EMU3B counter traffic monitoring system, and replacing the existing loop detection system.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

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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: Emery McCaffery Date: 12/30/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 12/30/2025