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File: H15071

SUBJECT **CEQA DETERMINATION, EL EVADO ROAD AND OTHER ROADS (W.O. H15071)**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Environmental Management Division (EMD) has reviewed the Proposed El Evado Road and Other Roads Project that entails mill and overlay, new ADA curb ramps, removal and replacement of sidewalk and curb and gutter, new curb and gutter, and other miscellaneous work appurtenant thereto. The project is located West of the I-15 and north of La Mesa Road in the Victorville area, San Bernardino County (See attached location map).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Environmental Management Division (EMD) staff has reviewed the proposed project.

The proposed project qualifies for two separate exemptions per the CEQA guidelines: a Class 1 Categorical Exemption "Existing Facilities" under Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines which allows for repair and maintenance activities on existing roads, sidewalks, gutters, and similar facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and a Class 2 Categorical Exemption "Replacement or Reconstruction" under Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines, which allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

In order to qualify for these exemptions, the following condition(s) shall be observed:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. All work, including equipment staging, will remain on disturbed areas. No new work outside disturbed areas or existing rights-of-way will be performed without further environmental evaluation.
2. Standard best management practices shall be implemented during all maintenance activities, especially those pertaining to dust control, erosion control, and storm water pollution prevention. If equipment is parked overnight then a drip pan, or some other form of protection shall be placed under the vehicle in order to contain any drips, leaks, and/or spills. All food and other trash generated on the worksite shall be removed from the site daily. Please contact EMD at (909) 387-8109 with any questions.

Biological Resource Conditions

1. To avoid impacts to any nesting migratory birds, project activities shall be conducted outside of bird nesting season (March 1 through August 31). If the maintenance project is scheduled during the nesting season, pre-construction nest survey(s) are required to ensure that impacts to nesting birds are avoided. The last survey is to be conducted within three days prior to the start of work. If occupied nests are observed within the project area, the qualified biologist shall flag off the area(s) supporting bird nest(s) to provide a buffer (size of buffer will be dependent of the species found to be nesting at the discretion of the biologist), between the nest(s) and limits of maintenance. The biologist shall provide appropriate recommendations to ensure that no "take" results from the subject maintenance activities in the vicinity of flagged nest(s). If the surveys are negative maintenance activities can proceed as proposed. Please contact EMD at (909) 387-8109 to schedule pre-construction nest surveys.

Cultural Resource Conditions

1. Should prehistoric or historical archaeological resources be encountered during construction, the evaluation of any such resources should proceed in accordance with all appropriate federal, state, and local guidelines. Specifically, all work must be stopped in the immediate vicinity of the cultural resource found until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the resource. If a cultural resource find is made notify EMD at (909) 387-8109.
2. If humans remains are encountered during construction, then the San Bernardino County Coroner's Office must be contacted in accordance with state law within 24 hours of the find and all work should be stopped until clearance is given by that office and any other involved agencies. The Coroner's Office may be contacted at the Coroner's Division, County of San Bernardino, 175 S. Lena Road, San Bernardino, CA. Tel: (909) 387-2978.

It is our opinion that the El Evado Road and Other Roads Project meets the criteria for an exemption under Section 15301, and Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines. To complete the Categorical Exemption process, I recommend that a Notice of Exemption, together with the required fee, be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino.

Should you need further information or have any questions, please contact Michael Perry, at 7-1864.

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Attachments: Notice of Exemption
Location Map

cc: Eloy Ruvalcaba

Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130

Project Description

Project Title: El Evado Road and Other Roads Project

Project Location: The project is located West of the I-15 and north of La Mesa Road in the Victorville area, San Bernardino County.

Project Description: The project entails mill and overlay, new ADA curb ramps, removal and replacement of sidewalk and curb and gutter, new curb and gutter, and other miscellaneous work appurtenant thereto.

Applicant

County of San Bernardino Dept of Public Works

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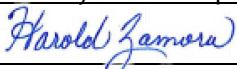
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Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(B)(1); 15268];
☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(B)(3); 15269(a)];
☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(B)(4); 15269(b)];
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section: Class 1, Section 15301 (c); Class 2, Section 15302
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
☐ Other Exemption: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 allows for repair and maintenance activities on existing streets, sidewalks, gutters, and similar facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Class 2 allows for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.


Signature Harold Zamora, P.E.

Chief, Environmental Mgmt. Div.

Title

11/12/2020

Date

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A

Victorville Area



Legend:

- Mill and Overlay
- Overlay
- New ADA Ramp

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DISTRICT 1
YARD 11
WO 15071



LOCATION MAP
El Evado Road from La Brisa Road to Anacapa Road, County only
Dos Palmas Road from Pacoima Road to Borego Road
Del Gado Road from La Brisa Road to Anacapa Road
In the Unincorporated Area of Victorville