



# Interoffice Memo

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**TO** **MERVAT MIKHAIL**, P.E., Division Chief  
Transportation Design Division

File: Yard 3/Randall Ave at Laurel Ave.

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**SUBJECT** **CEQA REVIEW: RANDALL AVE AT LAUREL AVE (W.O. H15101)**

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## Project Location

The Proposed Project is planned for Randall Avenue at Laurel Avenue in the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County, California. (see attached Project Location Map).

## Project Description

The proposed Project entails removing and replacing the existing curb and gutter; reconstruction of asphalt concrete pavement and concrete spandrel, construct concrete driveway approach, and paint traffic stripings and markings.

Construction activities are planned to occur on previously developed and disturbed areas.

Construction duration is anticipated for approximately 15 working-days.

County of San Bernardino Development Code 83.01.80(g)(3): exempts noise from temporary construction, maintenance, repair, or demolition activities between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., except Sundays and Federal holidays. No Nighttime construction or lighting is proposed.

## Biological Resources Evaluation

EMD Ecological Resources Specialists completed an evaluation of the proposed Project on February 9, 2021. The project area is located in an urban, residential and commercial location where the principle vegetation type consists of non-native ornamental trees and shrubs commonly planted on developed parcels. Although the project location has residential and other urban type developments, the potential exists for sensitive species to occur within or nearby the project site. A review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB, attachment 3) was performed. While it revealed that the Fontana quadrangle contains several federally and state listed endangered or threatened species, none of these species are recorded within the project site. It has been determined that the project site cannot support these species, as it is highly disturbed due to development.

As a consequence of the limited nature of the road work we have determined that project related activities will not directly impact any sensitive habitat and/or species. However, to ensure no impacts to species the following actions should be taken:

### **Biological Resources Conditions**

1. If work occurs during the nesting bird season (March 15 – September 1), a pre-construction nesting bird survey must be conducted no more than three days prior to the start of work.
2. If active nests are detected, appropriate avoidance buffers will be established and work activities within the vicinity of the nest will be monitored.
3. All staging areas will be surveyed and cleared by a biologist prior to equipment staging.

### **Cultural Resources Evaluation**

A cultural resources review was completed by EMD Cultural Resources Specialist (February 2021). No significant or potentially significant architectural, historical, and/or archaeological features were identified during the archaeological and built environment field survey of the proposed Project's area of potential effect/study area or in the South-Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) records search. As a result of the findings, no project-specific avoidance or minimization measures were recommended. However, standard cultural resource compliance conditions as listed in the *Cultural Resources Conditions* paragraph are applicable and recommended for implementation during construction/ground disturbing activities associated with this project.

### **Cultural Resources Conditions**

1. Should prehistoric or historic archaeological resources be encountered during construction, the evaluation of any such resource should proceed in accordance with all appropriate federal state, and local guidelines. Specifically, all work must be halted in the immediate vicinity of the cultural resource found until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the resource.
2. If human 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 halted until a clearance is given by that office and any other agency involved. 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.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

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

The Proposed Project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, "Existing Facilities" under Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines. Class 1 consists of the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." Class 1 ( c ) exemption is specific to "existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities." The project also qualifies for a Class 2 Categorical Exemption, "Replacement or reconstruction" under Section 15302(c) "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity."

## General Conditions

1. All work, including equipment staging, will remain on disturbed areas. No new work outside disturbed areas or existing rights-of-way (i.e. existing shoulder-to-shoulder and/or curb-to-curb) will be performed without further environmental evaluations.
2. Material staging area shall be clearly delineated in order to keep equipment and trucks within existing disturbed areas. Further, project related vehicle access, maintenance activities, and equipment storage shall be restricted to established roads, designated access roads, maintenance right-of-ways, and designated storage, staging, and parking areas. Off-road traffic outside of these designated areas shall be prohibited.
3. Standard best management practices shall be implemented during all maintenance activities, especially those pertaining to dust control, erosion control, and stormwater 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 maintenance trash shall be removed from the site daily. Please contact EMD, at (909) 387-7897, with any questions.

It is our opinion that the proposed Randall Avenue at Laurel Avenue Project meets the criteria for an exemption under Section 15301(c) and 15302(c) 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. A Notice of Exemption to be filed is included with this IOM.

Should you need further information or have any questions, please contact AJ Gerber, Planner at x78109, who coordinated this review.

HZ:AJ:ms

Attachment: Notice of Exemption  
Map 1 – Location Map  
Map 2 – Vicinity Map

# 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

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## Applicant

County of San Bernardino Dept of Public Works

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## Representative

AJ Gerber

Name

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Harold Zamora, P.E.

Lead Agency Contact Person

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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 Categorical Exemption Section 15301(c)  
Existing Facilities and Class 2, 15302(c) Replacement or Reconstruction

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project consist of minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, including existing highways and streets, sidewalks, and gutters. Also, replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities.

Signature  Harold Zamora, P.E.

Chief, Environmental Mgmt. Div.

Title

04/20/21

Date

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A



Laurel Ave

Randall Ave

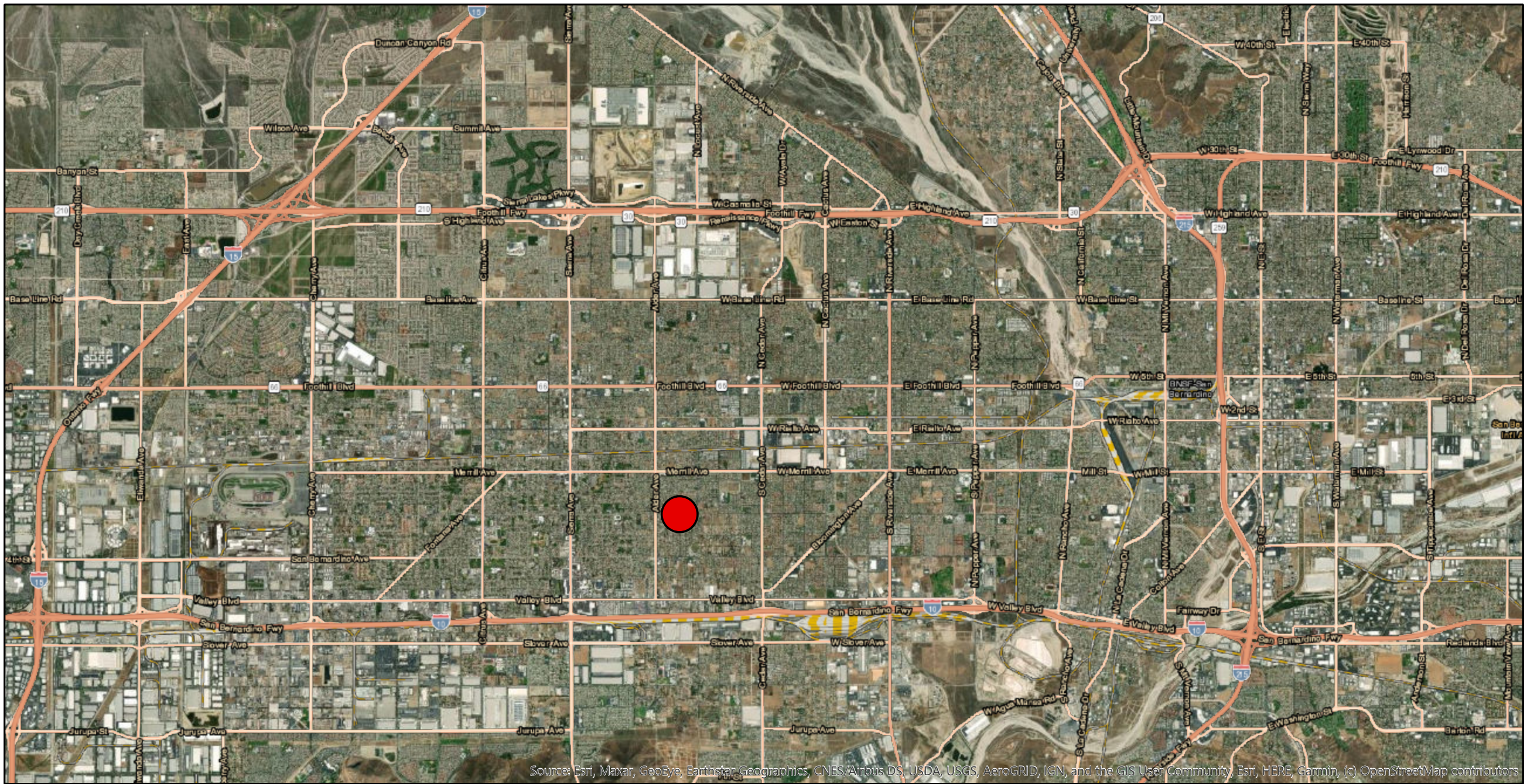
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& Laurel Ave

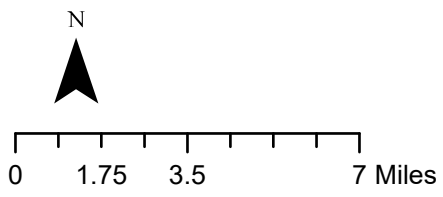
Randall Ave

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# REGIONAL/VICINITY MAP

## Randall Ave. at Laurel Ave. (H15101)

