

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DIST/CO/RTE/PM: 08-RIV-015EA/Project No: EA0J610/0800000308**A. Environmental Documentation**

- NEPA compliance type: CE ☒ FONSI ☐ Approval Date: July 1, 2009  
EIS ☐ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ROD Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- CEQA compliance type: CE ☒ ND/MND ☐ EIR ☐ Approval Date: July 1, 2009
- Supplemental or new document needed (NEPA) Yes ☐ No ☒ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Addendum, Supplemental, or Subsequent (CEQA) Yes ☐ No ☒ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- NEPA determination checked for validity/Re-evaluation Approval Date(s): December 30, 2016  
(The Re-Validation form serves as the required consultation for all NEPA documentation including CEs in accordance with 23 CFR 771.129.)

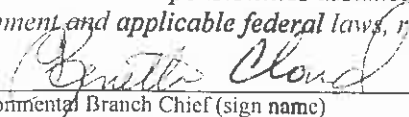
B. Do Environmental Construction Windows Apply? Yes ☒ No ☐**C. Each of the following conditions must be true in order to complete this certification:**

- All environmental commitments that belong in this PS&E are included.
- All actions in this PS&E are covered by the approved environmental documentation, which remains valid.
- All environmental permits, licenses, agreements, and certifications (PLACs) are complete. Project PLACs are listed below:

Agency	Type	Issue Date	Expiration Date
RWQCB (Santa Ana)	CWA § 401 Cert.	12/17/2014	N/A
CDFW	F&GC §1602, SAN	12/31/2014	12/31/2021
USACOE	Non-Ntfyng, NWP 14	N/A	N/A

D. Environmental Commitment Record has been prepared: Date: December 30, 2016E. Environmental Commitment Record has been updated: Yes ☒ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No ☐

I certify that, for environmental purposes, this project is ready to list, and, as applicable, Caltrans has fully carried out all environmental responsibilities assumed under 23 USC 326 or 23 USC 327 for this project in accordance with NEPA Assignment and applicable federal laws, regulations, and policies.

  
 Environmental Branch Chief (sign name)

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Environmental Branch Chief (print name)

12/30/16  
 Date

Changes to this PS&E submittal shall be discussed with the signature authority and may require an updated environmental certification. This project may be advertised for contract award. If the project has not been advertised within twelve months of the date of Environmental Certification, this Environmental Certification expires and a new certification or update is required.

Certification expiration date is December 30, 2017.

# NEPA/CEQA RE-VALIDATION FORM

DIST/CO./RTE.	08-RIV-015
PM/PM	36.4/37.6
E.A. or Fed-Aid Project No.	EA0J610/EFIS 0800000308
Other Project No. (specify)	NA
PROJECT TITLE	I-15/Cajalco Road Improvement Project
ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL TYPE	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) = Categorical Exemption National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) = Categorical Exclusion (23 USC 327)
DATE APPROVED	CE/CE July 1, 2009
REASON FOR CONSULTATION (23 CFR 771.129)	Check reason for consultation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project proceeding to next major federal approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in scope, setting, effects, mitigation measures, requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year timeline (EIS only) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Re-Validation for CEQA only)
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGED CONDITIONS	Caltrans Environmental Planning received a 100% PS&E Package on 9/14/2016 and a request for the Environmental Certification on 12/27/2016. Environmental Planning has reviewed the package and determined that the environmental studies were updated, the scope, project limits and type of construction information was modified with supporting documentation, which result in the original CE remaining valid for the project. Therefore, the project is ready to proceed to Construction phase, and Caltrans Environmental Planning recommends Environmental Certification (see pages 2-3).

## NEPA CONCLUSION - VALIDITY

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information: [Check ONE of the three statements below, regarding the validity of the original document/determination (23 CFR 771.129). If document is no longer valid, indicate whether additional public review is warranted and whether the type of environmental document will be elevated.]

- ☐ The original environmental document or CE remains valid. No further documentation will be prepared.
- ☒ The original environmental document or CE is in need of updating; further documentation has been prepared and ☒ is included on the continuation sheet(s) or ☐ is attached. With this additional documentation, the original ED or CE remains valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes ☐ No ☐
- ☐ The original document or CE is no longer valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes ☐ No ☐
- Supplemental environmental document is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐
- New environmental document is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐ (If "Yes," specify type: \_\_\_\_\_)

## CONCURRENCE WITH NEPA CONCLUSION

I concur with the NEPA conclusion above.

Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

12/30/16  
Date

Signature: Project Manager/DLAE

12/30/16  
Date

## CEQA CONCLUSION : (Only mandated for projects on the State Highway System.)

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information, the following conclusion has been reached regarding appropriate CEQA documentation: (Check ONE of the five statements below, indicating whether any additional documentation will be prepared, and if so, what kind. If additional documentation is prepared, attach a copy of this signed form and any continuation sheets.)

- ☐ Original document remains valid. No further documentation is necessary.
- ☒ Only minor technical changes or additions to the previous document are necessary. An addendum has been or will be ☐ prepared and is ☒ included on the continuation sheets or ☐ will be attached. It need not be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15164)
- ☐ Changes are substantial, but only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous document adequate. A Supplemental environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15163)
- ☐ Changes are substantial, and major revisions to the current document are necessary. A Subsequent environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15162) (Specify type of subsequent document, e.g., Subsequent FEIR.)
- ☐ The CE is no longer valid. New CE is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐

## CONCURRENCE WITH CEQA CONCLUSION

I concur with the CEQA conclusion above.

Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

12/30/16  
Date

Signature: Project Manager/DLAE

12/30/16  
Date

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CONTINUATION SHEET(S)

*Address only substantial changes or substantial new information since approval of the original document and only those areas that are applicable. Use the list below as section headings as they apply to the project change(s). Use as much or as little space as needed to adequately address the project change(s) and the associated impacts, minimization, avoidance and/or mitigation measures, if any.*

***Changes in project design, e.g., substantial scope change; a new alternative; change in project alignment***

Modifications that are outside of the previous project limits, were made to the project during the final design process. In summary, minor modifications and refinements include the following:

- During construction, placement of traffic control devices on Eagle Glen Parkway, west of Bedford Canyon Road is required. No excavation will occur in this area.
- A slope easement and a maintenance easement are required on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 279-231-038, 270-231-045, and 279-231-046.
- Southern California Edison will reroute overhead electrical lines away from the proposed northbound I-15 ramps to connect to the proposed relocated cellular tower, adjacent to the proposed northbound I-15 off-ramp, on APN 279-240-001.
- A slope easement and a maintenance easement, as well as a temporary construction easement, are required at APNs 279-240-001 and 279-231-001
- In order to reduce project cost, the northbound off-ramp for the interchange would be realigned and shortened compared to the original design. The design change would reduce the project cost by bringing the off-ramp closer to I-15 and decreasing the footprint. With the new design, the off-ramp would be 650 feet shorter than the previously proposed ramp and the right-of-way requirement would be reduced by 2.8 acres (ac).

***Changes in environmental setting, e.g., new development affecting traffic or air quality;***

As discussed in the updated Community Impact Assessment (CIA), Air Quality Report (AQR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA), Supplemental Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR), Initial Site Assessment (ISA) Technical Memorandum and Water Quality Questionnaire prepared for the design changes, no environmental setting changes were noted that would change the results of the analysis in the applicable approved technical studies.

***Changes in environmental circumstances, e.g., a new law or regulation; change in the status of a listed species.***

As discussed in the updated technical studies prepared for the design changes, there are no changes in the environmental circumstances that would change the results of the analysis in the previously approved technical studies.

***Changes to environmental impacts of the project, e.g., a new type of impact, or a change in the magnitude of an existing impact.***

Based on the refinements to the project design, the project would require additional slope and maintenance easements and temporary construction easements, but this would not affect the operation of businesses on parcels that would be partially acquired. The right-of-way process is almost complete. The design revisions would reduce permanent impacts to farmland (19 acres instead of 29 acres). No other additional impacts were identified that would change the results of the analyses in the previously approved technical studies.

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***Changes to avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures since the environmental document was approved.***

The previously approved Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) has been modified to include additional measures to minimize temporary farmland impacts, construction-related impacts to utilities and emergency service providers, and temporary impacts to access and parking during construction of the project. The ECR has also been updated based on 100% PS&E review comments with respect to current specifications/provisions.

***Changes to environmental commitments since the environmental document was approved, e.g., the addition of new conditions in permits or approvals. When this applies, append a revised Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) as one of the Continuation Sheets.***

No new conditions in permits or approvals are applicable. The updated ECR is attached.