

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency):  
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Project Title: Clark Road Bridge Replacement, Bridge No. 58C-0204 (Initial Study #23-0031)

Project Applicant: Imperial County Department of Public Works – County Project #6931EBR

### Project Location – Specific:

The project is located within County of Imperial Right of Way just outside city limits of the City of El Centro, CA on Clark Road just North of the intersection with Willoughby Road over Imperial Irrigation District's Central Main Canal. On January 30, 2022, through an inspection conducted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), it was discovered that the eighty-three (83) year old, six span multi-beam timber Clark Road Bridge over Central Main Canal had significant deterioration of the abutments (i.e. bent cap) at the southern end of the structure. In order to protect the motoring public, the Imperial County Department of Public Works (ICDPW) closed the Clark Road Bridge over the Central Main Canal. It has been determined that the bridge structure is compromised due to the failure of critical structural members. ICDPW will be removing the existing bridge and replacing it with a single span prefabricated steel tub girder bridge.

Project Location – City: Unincorporated area Project Location – County: Imperial

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work entails driving foundation piles, installing new abutments behind the existing abutments, driving sheet piles at each abutment to serve as retaining walls and to provide erosion control, grading dirt access roads surrounding the new Clark Road Bridge, and asphalt paving of the new bridge approach roadways. As part of the emergency replacement work, Imperial Irrigation District (IID) will be improving/reconstructing canal and drain facilities, and ancillary utility work including: raising of the South Date Canal (north of the bridge) heading structure and pipelining the canal further north approximately 180-ft from end of bridge, extension of existing pipeline of the Beech Drain, raising of the manhole structure northwest of the bridge, and raising of the Beech Drain intertie outlet structure. All work will be within County and IID Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Department of Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John Gay, P.E., Director

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_


### Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt as the proposed resurfacing work will be within existing paved and disturbed County road right-of-way and will not encroach into surrounding areas.

Lead Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: Michael Abraham Telephone Extension: 442-265-1736

### 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:  Date: October 17, 2023 Title: ICPDS Assistant Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for Filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.