

## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Francisco

From: (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

(Address)

Project Title: Caltrain Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Tracks, Stations, and Signal Facilities

Project Applicant: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)

Project Location - Specific:

Caltrain passenger rail system; San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties

Project Location - City: Multiple Project Location - County: Multiple

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Rehabilitation/modernization of Caltrain tracks, stations, and signal facilities and the addition of crossover tracks at various locations within existing railroad right-of-way. These maintenance activities are necessary to maintain state of good repair, improving system safety and providing reliable services while improving and maximizing operational flexibility. Includes track work, civil work, signal work, station work, and at-grade crossing safety improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)

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: Class 1, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed state of good repair work involves improvements to existing transportation infrastructure consistent with the Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301). There would be a negligible increase in transportation-related uses as result of these activities to maintain existing tracks, sidewalks/landscaping, signals, station platforms, and other station amenities at existing stations.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Michael Tauchen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (650) 730-4847

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: [Signature] Date: 8/12/25 Title: Deputy Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

2025-0000059

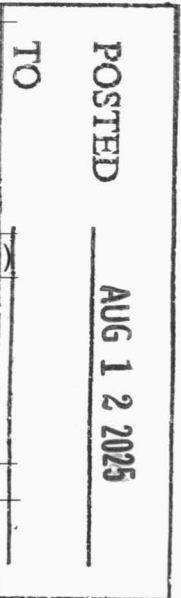
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SAN FRANCISCO County Clerk

August 12, 2025

Revised 2011

[Signature]  
by: Mariedyne Nadonza  
Deputy County Clerk



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**PROJECT TITLE:**

Caltrain Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Tracks, Stations, and Signal Facilities

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Various locations on the Caltrain passenger rail system in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project consists of the rehabilitation/modernization of Caltrain tracks, stations, and signal facilities and the addition of crossover tracks at various locations within existing railroad right-of-way. These maintenance activities are necessary to maintain state of good repair, improving system safety and providing reliable services while improving and maximizing operational flexibility.

- Track work - Removal and replacement of track, switches, ballast, ties, and any attendant work necessary to maintain the track, including repair, modification, or replacement of bridge structures. Installation of new crossover tracks at strategic locations.
- Civil Work - Modification to sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage, and utility relocation as needed. Installation of landscaping, fencing, lighting, and signage.
- Signal Work - Removal or modification of existing signal systems and/or installation of new signals, including installation of signal conduits and other necessary work to ensure proper functioning of the Caltrain signal system.
- Station Work - Rehabilitation and maintenance of train station platforms. Modernization of stations by adding or improving passenger waiting areas, ticket vending machines, passenger shelters, bike lockers, fencings, railings, signs, and electronic readers and messaging, security cameras, lighting, PA systems, and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) upgrades and compliance measures.
- At grade crossing safety improvements - Improvements includes widening of sidewalks, markers and marking, signage, channelization and signaling, quad gates and exit gates.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:**

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:**

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)

**EXEMPTION STATUS:**


Categorical Exemption

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**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:**

Michael Tauchen  
Deputy Director – Environmental Compliance  
(650) 730-4847

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8/12/2025



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

38-08/12/2025-106

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD (CALTRAIN)	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/12/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2025-0000059	
PROJECT TITLE  CALTRAIN MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION OF TRACKS, STATIONS, AND SIGNAL FACILITIES		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MICHAEL TAUCHEN	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (650) 730-4847
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE	CITY SAN CARLOS	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94070

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency    ☐ School District    ☐ Other Special District    ☐ State Agency    ☐ Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

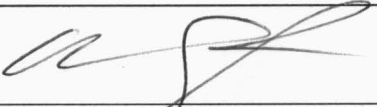
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 84.00 \$ 84.00  
☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash    ☒ Credit    ☐ Check    ☐ Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 84.00

SIGNATURE  X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Mariedyne Nadonza Deputy Clerk
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