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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

**To:** Office of Planning and Research **From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
Sacramento, CA 95814 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 26 June 2020

**Project Title:** UPRR Sacramento Subdivision Mile Post 191.40 Bridge Replacement

**Project Location - Specific:** Section 19, Township 17N, Range 14E, Honcut, CA  
Latitude: 39.318095° and Longitude: -121.567384°

**Project Location - County:** Butte County

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

The proposed activity will replace a four-span, 61-foot-long timber stringer trestle ballast deck bridge with a four-span, 120-foot long prestressed concrete box girder bridge. The proposed structure includes raising the track five inches to accommodate high flow events. A temporary causeway, consisting of clean fill and three 43-foot long, 48-inch corrugated metal pipes underlain by geotextile fabric, will be constructed to the east of the existing bridge. The temporary causeway will be used to replace the existing bridge structure. Proposed staging areas are located on all four corners of the bridge within the right-of-way. The purpose of the proposed project is to continue and improve passenger and freight rail service in the region by replacing the existing structure that has outlived its useful life.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:**

***Federal Agencies:*** The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 14.

***State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:***  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office.  
Waste Discharge Identification No. 5A04CR00315.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Steve Cheney  
Union Pacific Railroad  
1400 Douglas Street, STOP 0910  
Omaha, NE 68179

**Exempt Status:**

The project meets CEQA Statutory Exemption section 15275(a), Specified Mass Transit Projects, which consists of the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service on rail lines or high-occupancy vehicle lanes already in use, including the modernization of existing stations and parking facilities.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Statutorily Exempt under CEQA section 15275 because it involves the replacement and reconstruction of passenger service rail lines already in use. The existing four-span bridge has outlived its useful life and is being replaced with a new four-span bridge.

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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