

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency):
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Project Title: Union Pacific Railroad, Coast Subdivision, Mile Post 233.01 Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad

Project Location - Specific: Latitude 35.384153° N, Longitude -120.622462° W, 1.3 miles SW of Santa Margarita

Project Location – City: Santa Margarita

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will involve the removal of an existing passenger and freight rail bridge and replacement with two culverts used to direct flow from an intermittent tributary to Santa Margarita Creek underneath the track. The bridge was constructed in 1941 and has outlived its current use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad

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 2, CEQA guidelines §15302(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project constitutes “replacement or reconstruction of [an existing railroad bridge] where the new structure will be located in the same site as the structure replaced, and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced” (Class 2, CEQA guidelines §15302[b]). The replacement structure will direct the flow of an intermittent stream below the tracks and prevent track overtopping.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Phone Number: Kathleen Hicks; 805-549-3458

If filed by applicant:

- Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No



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- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

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