
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
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Date: 29 October 2020

Project Title: Whiskeytown - Road Repairs Project

Project Location - Specific: Township 32N, Range 6 and 7W
Whiskeytown, CA
Start: Latitude: 40.661713° and Longitude: -122.648381°
End: Latitude: 40.597286° and Longitude: -122.542840°

Project Location - County: Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will conduct required road maintenance to ensure Western Area Power Administration's reliable access to towers for inspection and/or repair work along the Trinity-Carr and Carr-Keswick 230-kilovolt transmission line rights-of-way. The road maintenance activities will occur within or adjacent to potential jurisdictional waters of the United States, including road grading, repairing/replacing culverts, cleaning culverts, armoring low-water crossings, and repairing/replacing existing low-water crossings.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District. Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit 14, Linear Transportation Projects.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A45CR00597.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

LaTisha Saare
Western Area Power Administration
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Exempt Status:

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves minor repair of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

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Date: 10/29/2020

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