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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  
400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Redding, CA 96002

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 23 February 2021

**Project Title:** UPRR Valley Subdivision Mile Post 182.72 Bridge Replacement

**Project Location - Specific:** Section 2, Township 21 North, Range 1 East  
Near Chico, CA  
Latitude: 39.707058° and Longitude: -121.828022°

**Project Location - County:** Butte County

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

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) proposes to replace the existing four-span, 61-foot long, timber stringer trestle ballast deck bridge with a three-span, 90-foot long, prestressed concrete box girder bridge. 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 been damaged by fire and outlived its useful life. The existing bridge has been damaged by fire and the conditions are rapidly deteriorating, making replacement critical.

**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.

**State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A04CR00327.

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

Mr. Steve Cheney  
Union Pacific Railroad  
1400 Douglas Street, Stop 0910  
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**Exempt Status:**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves replacement of an existing bridge that will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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Chief Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit  
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**Signature:** 

**Date:** 2/23/2021

**Title:** Senior Environmental Scientist

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