



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: 24 February 2021

Project Title:

UPRR Valley Subdivision Mile Post 199.83 Culvert Replacement Project

Project Location - Specific:

Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 1 West
Near Vina, CA
Latitude: 39.8904° and Longitude: -122.0296°

Project Location - County: Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will replace the existing four, 48-foot long, 54-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe culverts with a 2-span, 60-foot long, prestressed concrete box girder bridge. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing culverts that have outlived their useful life and must be replaced for continued and improved passenger and freight rail service in the region.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Branch Office.
WDID No. 5A52CR00208

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Union Pacific Railroad
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Omaha, NE 68179

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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:

The project is Categorical Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves replacement of an existing structure with a new structure that will be located in the same footprint and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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