



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 10 February 2023

State Clearinghouse Number:

2021030194

Project Title:

Pomona Avenue Bridge Replacement Project (Project) (WDID No. 5A04CR00350)

Project Location - Specific:

The Project area is located on Pomona Avenue, Bridge No. 12C0328 in Chico, California. The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.7163° and Longitude: -121.8454°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Name of Applicant:

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City of Chico Public Works
P.O. Box 3420
Chico, CA 95927

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will replace the existing Pomona Avenue Bridge along a similar alignment as the existing structure. The new bridge will accommodate two 11-foot travel lanes, 5-foot shoulders and 5-foot sidewalks. The profile will be raised slightly to maintain the same bridge soffit elevation as the existing structure. The replacement bridge is anticipated to be a single-span, cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete slab, approximately 75 feet long.

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Construction of the bridge will involve excavation for and construction of concrete abutments, founded on cast-in-drilled-hole concrete piles. Other temporary work within Little Chico Creek includes removal of the existing structure, falsework erection and removal, and installation of scour countermeasures at the abutments. Little Chico Creek is a seasonal creek and construction is anticipated to proceed when the creek is dry, thus a temporary water diversion system will not be required. Construction of the roadway approaches will involve the removal of existing pavement and placement of roadway fill material, aggregate base and hot mix asphalt pavement. New curb, gutter, and sidewalk will be constructed on the north and south side of the roadway and will connect with existing pedestrian facilities. There are numerous utilities running through the project site that will be relocated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 10 February 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the City of Chico.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at:

[Pomona Avenue Bridge Replacement IS/MND - City of Chico](https://chico.ca.us/post/pomona-avenue-bridge-replacement-project).

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The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/)

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