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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  
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Redding, CA 96002

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
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**Date:** 6 April 2021

**Project Title:** 02-1H680 Southbound Cottonwood Scales Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Section 23, Township 29N, Range 4W  
Interstate 5, Post Mile 39, Cottonwood, CA  
Latitude: 40.356427° and Longitude: -122.284063°

**Project Location - County:** Tehama County

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) using state funds is proposing to upgrade the Southbound (SB) Cottonwood Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF) to a full Class C facility. The existing CVEF is undersized to accommodate proper staffing and is functionally obsolete to perform all needed inspection and enforcement duties by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The new drainage design will be graded to allow stormwater to sheet flow off the facility footprint, and the existing culvert that outlets north towards Taylor's Wash will be abandoned or removed.

**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 3, Maintenance.

**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. 5A52CR00210.

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

Rex Hervey  
California Department of Transportation  
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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 replacing the current facility with a more suitable facility on the same site with the same purpose and capacity as the current structure.

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**Date:** 4/6/2021

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