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**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19573: Union Pacific Railroad Valley Subdivision Mile Post 135.11 Bridge Replacement Project

**Project Applicant (if any):** Union Pacific Railroad

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located where the existing Union Pacific Railroad Valley Subdivision rail line crosses Reeds Creek at Mile Post 135.11, approximately 2 miles southeast of the City of Olivehurst in Yuba County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To replace the existing single track, 8-span, 120-foot-long, timber stringer trestle ballast deck railroad bridge crossing Reeds Creek with a 5-span, 150 foot long, prestressed concrete box girder bridge. Rock slope protection will be placed at the new bridge abutments for erosion control. A temporary in-water trestle will be used for bridge removal and construction. Temporary fill will be placed for site access and staging.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Union Pacific Railroad

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: PRC § 21080(b)(10) and CEQA Guidelines § 15275(a)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

CVFPB staff has determined that the project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Board’s approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for replacement of an existing railroad bridge that is related to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service of rail lines already in use, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a). In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines § 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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April 23, 2021

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Responsible Agency

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