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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

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

**Date:** 5 November 2021

**Project Title:** Ingot Safety Project (EA 02-4H930)

**Project Location - Specific:** Township 33N, Range 2W, Section 2  
Highway 299  
Ingot, CA  
Start :Latitude: 40.7446° and Longitude: -122.0638°  
End: Latitude: 40.7462° and Longitude: -122.0581°

**Project Location - County:** Shasta County

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

The purpose of the Project is to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions in the project limits and improve safety for the travelling public. The project will realign a 1/2 -mile section of roadway on Highway 299 in Shasta County between post miles 44.3 - 44.9 and make the following improvements: improve alignment consistency, improve curve safety, increase sight distance, provide 4- to 8- foot paved shoulders, and increase the clear recovery zone.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:**

**Federal Agencies:** The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 3.

**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. 5A45CR00609.

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

Mike Feakes  
California Department of Transportation  
1031 Butte Street  
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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 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves repair of existing public structures with no expansion of use.

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**Signature:** Lynn Coster

**Date:** 11/5/2021

**Title:** Senior Environmental Scientist

cc: Mike Feakes, California Department of Transportation, Redding  
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