



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: 8 March 2022

Project Title: Modoc 139 Culvert Maintenance Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific: Highway 139 in Modoc County, various locations

between post mile (PM) 3.5 and PM 30.3

Project Location - County: Modoc County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to extend the service life of culverts along Highway 139 and to prevent roadway damage caused by flooding and culvert failure. The Project consists of the repair or replacement of four culverts (located at PM 3.59, 5.14, 8.12 and 13.60) which will impact waters of the United States and waters of the state.

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. 5A25CR00063.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Javed Iqbal
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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.

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Reasons why Project is Exempt:

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

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