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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  
1400 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:** 8 March 2022

**Project Title:** Butt Valley Valve House Bridge Replacement Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company Access Road  
Township 27N, Range 7E, Section 22  
Canyon Dam, CA  
Latitude: 40.1887° and Longitude: -121.1881°

**Project Location - County:** Plumas County

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

The Butt Valley Valve House Bridge provides critical access to hydroelectric infrastructure. It was built to have an HS-20 load rating, but the current configuration of the bridge has erosion damage and cannot formally maintain this rating. The project purpose is to replace abutments and wingwalls to achieve the designed HS-20 load rating and mitigate future deterioration. The primary scope of work is to replace existing bridge abutments, stabilize the stream channel at the bridge location, and replace the new modular bridge deck atop the new abutments.

**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. 5A32CR00225.

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

Matt Walker  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
3600 Meadow View Drive  
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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 and maintenance of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

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Chief Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit  
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**Title:** Senior Environmental Scientist

cc: Matt Walker, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Redding  
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