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

Date: 7 June 2022

Project Title:

Town Creek Crossing Project

Project Location - Specific:

Assessor's Parcel Number: 026-120-034
Nearest City: Mountain Gate
Section 15, Township 34 North, Range 3 West, MDB&M.
Latitude: 40.796357° and Longitude: -122.199901°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project includes the repair and replacement of Town Creek Crossing located on the main access road to the Rising Star Mine. Improvements to the Town Creek Crossing are required to maintain access to the Rising Star Mine Waste Rock Containment Facility to conduct inspections and maintenance required by the Title 27 permit issued for the Facility (Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0096). The Project will be conducted by excavating the access road material within the channel of Town Creek and replacing the existing road material with larger rocks of appropriate size to withstand the flows in Town Creek (2- to 3-foot diameter rock). Gravel will be installed on the roadway surface on top of the rock.

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. 5A45CR00615

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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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 minor repair of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

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