
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
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Date: 19 July 2022

Project Title:

Decker Dam Restoration Project (WDID 5A32CR00231)

Project Location - Specific:

Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 14 East, MDB&M.
Nearest City: Beckwourth
Latitude: 39.803347° and Longitude: -120.376123°

Project Location - County:

Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed activity is to repair a small concrete diversion structure, known locally as Decker Dam, to safe and functional conditions so it can continue to operate in accordance with the Sierra Valley Water Decree as well as maintain valuable wetland habitat that has been established with the operation of this structure. Modifications will also be made that will improve aquatic organism passage and create additional and more resilient wetland habitat.

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. 27.

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. 5A32CR00231.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Nathan Key
USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is 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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