
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
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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: 28 July 2022

Project Title:

GCID Mid-Channel Bar Excavation Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude: 39.794598° and Longitude: -122.043030°

Project Location - County:

Glenn and Butte Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will restore the geomorphic and hydraulic conditions of the Sacramento River; alleviate predator congregating habitat and ensure juvenile salmon and other special-status species survival; slow erosion of the east and west bank; and restore optimal function of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) fish protection facility along the Sacramento River.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, SPK-2022-00412.

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. 5A11CR00050.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Holly Dawley
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
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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, section 15301 – Existing Facilities and section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is categorically exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the activities consist of a minor alteration of a topographical feature to maintain the steam channel to protect fish and wildlife resources. The project is also categorically exempt under section 15304 because it involves minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and will result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources.

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