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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  
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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:** 16 November 2022

**Project Title:**

UPRR Canyon Subdivision, Milepost 233.55 Bridge  
Replacement Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Section 30, Township 22 North, Range 05 East, MDB&M.  
Latitude: 39.7341° and Longitude: -121.4676°

**Project Location - County:**

Butte County

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

The project will replace the existing 76-foot long, 48-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert with a 90-foot long, 48-inch smooth steel pipe culvert. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing culvert that has outlived its useful life and must be replaced for continued and improved passenger and freight rail service in the region.

**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. 33.

***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. 5A04CR00345.

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

Stephen Chency  
Union Pacific Railroad Company  
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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 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves replacement of an existing structure with a new structure that will be located in the same footprint and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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cc: Stephen Cheney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, NE  
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