
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: 6 December 2022

Project Title:

UPRR Canyon Subdivision, Milepost 264.85 Bridge
Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Section 22, Township 25 North, Range 07 East, MDB&M.
Latitude: 40.0120° and Longitude: -121.1835°

Project Location - County:

Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will replace the existing 200-foot-long, structural plate pipe culvert at Milepost 264.85 with an adjacent 210-foot-long by 72-inch-diameter smooth steel pipe culvert. The replacement culvert will be horizontally auger bored through the existing railroad embankment approximately 6 feet east of the existing culvert. The increase in size is a maintenance Best Management Practice to enhance conveyance capability at this location. 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 14.

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. 5A32CR00234.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Stephen Cheney
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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