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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  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

**Date:** 6 December 2022

**Project Title:**

UPRR Valley Subdivision, Milepost 199.33 Bridge  
Replacement Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 01 West and Unmapped  
Section, Township 23 North, Range 01 West, MDB&M  
Nearest City: Vina, CA  
Latitude: 39.8839° and Longitude: -122.0254°

**Project Location - County:**

Butte and Tehama Counties

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

The project will replace the existing three-span, 46-foot- long, timber stringer trestle ballast deck bridge with a two-span, 60-foot long, prestressed concrete box bridge. The proposed bridge will have one bent with three pipe piles within the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). The northern and southern abutments will be pulled back from the OHWM and will be replaced with precast concrete end caps on steel piles or pipe piles.

**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. 5A52CR00224.

**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 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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