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Project Title: Permit No. 19690 Milepost 310.35 Bridge Replacement Project, Fresno Subdivision

Project Applicant (if any): Union Pacific Railroad

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located where the existing UPRR Fresno Subdivision rail line crosses the Kern River at Milepost 310.35, approximately 2 miles NW of the City of Bakersfield in Kern Co.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To authorize an existing multi-segment, 25-span, 735-foot-long, single-track railroad bridge spanning the Kern River Designated Floodway. To retrofit existing bents B10 and B11 within Segment B of the bridge, which consists of a 16 span, 480-foot-long deck plate girder-ballast deck structure located along the left (east) overflow bank of the river. The retrofit to be done by drilling eight (8) 10-inch diameter holes around the existing pier footing, with a driven 9-5/8-in diameter steel casing at the top 6-feet and filling the shafts with grout. The micropiles will be embedded in a reinforced concrete ground collar surrounding the existing pier footing. A sacrificial micropile and temporary rockfill causeway will be removed after construction.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad

Exempt Status:

- Passenger or Commuter Services (Sec. 21080(b)(10);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: § 15275(a)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Board's approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for replacement of an existing railroad bridge that is related to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service of rail lines already in use, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a). In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

December 16, 2022

Signature

Sarah C. Backus, Executive Officer

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Responsible Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.