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Project Title: Permit No. 19589: Valley Subdivision Mile Post 129.52 Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant (if any): Union Pacific Railroad

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located where the existing UPRR Valley Subdivision rail line spans Dry Creek at Milepost (MP) 129.52, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the community of Wheatland, in Yuba County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To replace an existing 13 span, 286-foot-long timber stringer trestle ballast deck bridge spanning Dry Creek with an 11 span, 304-foot-long prestressed concrete box bridge. Two (2) temporary in-water causeways will be constructed for site access and construction activities.

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.