
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
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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: 18 January 2023

Project Title:

North Fueling Facility, Dunsmuir Railyard Interim
Measure Enhancement Action Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: 5750 Sacramento Avenue
Nearest City: Dunsmuir
Latitude: 40.21097° and Longitude: -122.26963°

Project Location - County:

Siskiyou County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Union Pacific Railroad Company will conduct enhancement activities in 2023 under the U.S. EPA Order for Removal, Mitigation, or Prevention of a Substantial Threat of Oil Discharge (CWA 311 09-2021-0002), which will include enhancements to the interim measures installed in 2021. The project involves the placement of two gabion baskets and nine super sacks containing absorbent material and ballast rock on top of the existing in-river rock-filled mattresses in the Sacramento River channel at Station 13+65. The gabion baskets will be covered by a reactive core mat to contain absorbent material within the basket during high-flow events. Aggregate filled super sacks will be arranged around the gabion baskets to secure them in place, with additional riprap placed upstream to divert flow away from the enhancement. All enhancement components will be placed from the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) yard using an excavator equipped with a sling lift. Additional future full-scale excavation activities anticipated to occur in 2023 are not included in this Project.

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. 20.

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. 5A47CR00060.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Jim Brannen
Union Pacific Railroad Company
1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1030
Omaha, NE 68179

Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15330, Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances. Class 30 consists of any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15330 because the Project will include minor actions to minimize, stabilize, and mitigate the release and threat of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

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