
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
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 10 February 2023

Project Title:

Oro Quincy Highway Culvert Rehabilitation Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: The project is located on the Oro Quincy Highway in Butte County Sections 12, 13, 14, 22, & 23, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, MDB&M. Sections 4, 5, 7, & 8, Township 21 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M. Sections 3, 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, 27, 33, & 34, Township 22 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M.
Start: Latitude: 39.6665° and Longitude: -121.3972°
End: Latitude: 39.7886° and Longitude: -121.2979°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project proposes to repair or replace multiple damaged culverts along the Oro Quincy Highway in Butte County in the areas of Brush Creek and Junction House. Repairs will involve the replacement of damaged down drains and flared end sections; debris clearing at inlets and outlets; as well as minor rehabilitation of energy dissipation structures. Impacts to aquatic resources, both permanent and temporary, will occur at eleven of the culvert sites and affect twelve ephemeral/intermittent drainage features and one seasonal swale wetland feature. Permanent impacts are due to the repair of approximately fourteen upstream and downstream flared end sections, while temporary impacts are due to the replacement of one complete culvert and three down drain sections.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

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. 5A04CR00351.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Louis Johnson
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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:

The project is Categorical 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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