
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: 21 February 2023

Project Title:

UPRR Valley Subdivision, Mile Post 160.12 Bridge
Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 02 East,
MDB&M.
Latitude: 39.394410° and Longitude: -121.706000°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to improve passenger and freight rail service in the region by replacing the existing four-span, 58-foot long, timber stringer trestle ballast deck bridge with three 84-inch-diameter, 70-foot-long, corrugated metal pipe culverts.

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.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. 5A04CR00353.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Stephen Cheney
Union Pacific Railroad Company
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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 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 location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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