



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
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Date: 19 April 2023

Project Title:

Frazier Creek Bridge Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: Forest Route 23N18
Nearest City: Palmetto
Latitude: 39.8337° and Longitude: -121.2377°

Project Location - County:

Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to replace the Frazier Creek Bridge. The North Complex Fire burned a large portion of Plumas National Forest in 2020. The fire completely destroyed the area surrounding the bridge and damaged the bridge beyond repair. The new bridge will be in the same location but will be longer and more fire-resistant than the previous bridge.

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. 5A32CR00238.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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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 and 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 Categorical Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site as the replaced structure.

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