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## 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  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
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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:** 27 April 2023

**Project Title:**

Replacement of Dry Creek Bridge 1198 RT Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Section 08, Township 38 North, Range 03 East, MDB&M.  
Latitude: 41.150890° and Longitude: -121.655921°

**Project Location - County:**

Shasta County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The goal of the project is to replace the Dry Creek Bridge, that has been deemed unsafe for public use, and open the Great Shasta Rail Trail to immediate public use. Additionally, stabilization activities are proposed for downstream of the crossing to reduce erosion of the bank of Dry Creek.

**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 Permits 13 & 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. 5A45CR00632.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Jerry Harmon  
Great Shasta Rail Trail Association  
P.O. Box 745  
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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 4 consists of 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.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has also determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, Article 19, section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves the replacement or reconstruction of the existing structure 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.

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15304 because the project involves minor, private alterations to land, water, and/or vegetation with no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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