
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: 23 May 2023

Project Title:

Repair for Cedar Creek Major Culvert Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: East Fork Road
Nearest City: French Gulch
Latitude: 40.776804° and Longitude: -122.545617°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Bureau of Land Management will be replacing the existing 84-inch corrugated metal culvert with an in-kind culvert that conveys flow from Cedar Creek under East Fork Road. The culvert is in poor condition due to corrosion which has caused infiltration of flow under the barrel. There is concern that the existing culvert cannot be properly maintained and eventually will experience catastrophic structural failure causing the road to become impassable.

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 3.

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. 5A45CR00636.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Jennifer Mata
Bureau of Land Management
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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 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves minor repair of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

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