
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: 25 May 2023

Project Title:

North Fueling Facility, Dunsmuir Railyard 2023
Shoreline Response Action Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: 5750 Sacramento Avenue
Nearest City: Dunsmuir
Latitude: 40.21097° and Longitude: -122.26963°

Project Location - County:

Siskiyou County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Union Pacific Railroad's Project is being performed to meet the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Order to stop, control, and contain the discharge of oil from the site into the Sacramento River and to achieve the primary remedial action objective of the Cleanup and Abatement Order to eliminate oil migration to the Sacramento River. The response action addresses approximately 1,500 feet of Sacramento River shoreline at the site and includes removal of oil-impacted soil and infrastructure affecting oil migration and construction of a barrier to prevent future migration of oil toward the restored shoreline and the river.

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 20 – Response Operations for Oil and Hazardous Substances.

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. 5A47CR00061.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Jim Brannen
Union Pacific Railroad Company
1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1030
Omaha, NE 68179

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 153330, Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances. Class 30 consists of any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15330 because the Project will include minor actions to minimize, stabilize, and mitigate the release and threat of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

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