



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
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 28 September 2023

Project Title:

Middle Creek Trail Extension (02-2H600) Project
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: State Route 299 West between post miles
SHA-299-18.6 to SHA-299-19.04
Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 06 West, MDB&M.
Nearest City: Shasta
Latitude: 40.5954° and Longitude: -122.4867°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will extend the existing Middle Creek Road Trail system that currently serves the Redding non-motorized community to Old Shasta. Seven existing culverts will be modified to accommodate the Middle Creek Road Trail. Drainage improvements include the extension of an existing cross culvert and realignment of a stream/ditch segment that conveys roadside runoff from SR 299 at PM 18.81 and the extension of an existing cross culvert at SR 299 PM 18.89.

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 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. 5A45CR00648.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Kelly Timmons
California Department of Transportation
1031 Butte Street, MS 90
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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 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 and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

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

Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:

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State Lead Agency Contact Person:

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Signature: _____

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