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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  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

**Date:** 20 October 2023

**Project Title:**

Del Rio Rock Slope Protection Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

3356 Wilshire Drive, Redding, CA  
Section 12, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, MDB&M.  
Latitude: 40.557871° and Longitude: -122.373570°

**Project Location - County:**

Shasta County

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

The purpose of the project is to protect the bank from future erosion and create a pathway for river access. The project will require the removal of the existing vegetation along the bank of the Sacramento River. The bank will be excavated, and rock slope protection (RSP) will be placed a minimum of 2 feet thick along the bank of the river. The RSP will be tapered at the upstream and downstream limits to blend with adjacent properties and placed to form a 1:1 slope on the bank of the river. At the southern end of the RSP placement area, a 60-inch-wide pedestrian path with rock steps will be constructed to provide river access. Work will occur when flows in the Sacramento River are low enough that the work area is naturally dewatered.

**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 13.

***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. 5A45CR00650.

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

Nelson Del Rio  
3356 Wilshire Drive  
Redding, CA 96002

**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, scenic trees.

**Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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**State Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Title:** Senior Environmental Scientist

cc: Nelson Del Rio, Redding  
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