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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:** 12 January 2024

**Project Title:**

68<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Antelope Creek Bridge Maintenance  
Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Address: 24877 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Nearest City: Los Molinos  
Latitude: 40.108487° and Longitude: -122.109997°

**Project Location - County:**

Tehama County

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

Tehama County Public Works (County) is proposing to re-armour the Antelope Creek Bridge upstream and underneath the northern bridge abutment and along the center pier. The previously grouted rock slope protection was undermined and collapsed during last winter's storms. The County will use the minimum effective amount of rock slope protection (RSP) necessary to prevent further erosion and potential bridge failure in the upcoming winter season. Temporary impacts will include access to place the RSP.

**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 No. 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. 5A52CR00234.

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

Jessica Pecha  
Tehama County Public Works  
9380 San Benito Avenue  
Gerber, CA 96035

**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.

**Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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**State Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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cc: Jessica Pecha, Tehama County Public Works, Gerber  
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