



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 January 2024

Project Title:

Milepost 458.78 Bridge Replacement, Modoc
Subdivision Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Nearest City: Alturas
Assessor's Parcel Number: 022-180-008-000
Section 14, Township 24 North, Range 12 East MDB&M
Latitude: 41.476679° and Longitude: -120.550876°

Project Location - County:

Modoc County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Union Pacific Railroad inspections have identified defects indicating that routine maintenance can no longer extend the safe operational condition of Bridge 458.78. The project will replace the existing 87-foot-long Segment B with proposed 93-foot-5-inch-long Segment B in the same alignment. Proposed Segment B will consist of three prestressed concrete box (PCB) girder spans, consisting of one 34-foot, one 30-foot, and one 29-foot-5-inch PCB. The replacement structure will have a total length of 93 feet 5 inches.

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. 5A25CR00065.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Stephen Cheney
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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 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves replacement of an existing structure in the same location.

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