



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: 18 April 2024

Project Title:

Lost Creek Crossing Upgrade Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: The Project is located at the intersection of Lassen National Forest Road 29N19 and Lost Creek.

Nearest City: Mineral

Latitude: 40.3054428° and Longitude: -121.3792038°

Project Location - County:

Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to replace the existing multi-culvert design on the Lassen National Forest Road 29N19 crossing of Lost Creek with a resilient low-water crossing design that restores aquatic organism passage, minimizes road-related sedimentation, and reduces crossing failure risk.

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, Linear Transportation Projects.

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. 5A52CR00236.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Russell Nickerson
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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 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, which consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15333 because the Project involves enhancement of habitat for fish and is less than five acres in size.

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