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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  
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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:** 11 June 2024

**Project Title:**

North Fork Feather River and Indian Creek Bridges  
Replacements Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Nearest City: Belden, Plumas County, CA

North Fork Feather River Bridge:  
Latitude: 40.037990° and Longitude: -121.220585°  
Section 8, Township 25 North, Range 7 East, MDB&M.

Indian Creek Trail Bridge:  
Latitude: 40.009723° and Longitude: -121.262278°  
Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M.

**Project Location - County:**

Plumas County

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

Federal Highway Administration proposes the replacement of the burned bridges across the North Fork Feather River (NFFR), Indian Creek and minor improvements to the road approaches on Forest Route 26N26. The new NFFR bridge will be a single-span, steel bridge that is 131 feet long and about 17.4 feet wide to accommodate one lane of traffic. The new bridge will be installed on cast-in-place concrete caps with wingwalls supported by drilled shafts or micropiles. The trail bridge across Indian Creek was a timber pedestrian/equestrian bridge about 46 feet long and 8 feet wide. The new bridge will be a prefabricated, steel pedestrian bridge about 46 feet long and 8 feet wide. The existing abutments will be re-used for the new bridge, with portions of them removed to accommodate new cast-in-place concrete bearings.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:**

*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. 5A32CR00243.

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

Curtis Scott  
Federal Highway Administration  
Central Federal Lands Highway Division  
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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 Categorical Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves replacement of an existing structure with a new structure that will be located in the same footprint and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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