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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  
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**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
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**Date:** 19 June 2024

**Project Title:**

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), Black Butte  
Subdivision Mile Post 325.21 Bridge Replacement  
Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Nearest City: Dunsmuir, CA  
Sections 13, Township 39 North, Range 04 West, MDB&M.  
Latitude: 41.24619° and Longitude: -122.26620°

**Project Location - County:**

Siskiyou County

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

UPRR proposes to replace the existing one-span, 18-foot-long single-track timber stringer trestle – ballast deck bridge at Milepost 325.21 with a one-span, 20-foot-long precast concrete box girder bridge placed on the existing abutments. Construction will occur within an existing UPRR right-of-way (ROW). Materials (prestressed concrete box girders, culverts, and fill material) will be transported to the project site along the UPRR railway and will be temporarily placed in staging areas within the UPRR ROW. The Project limits include the existing bridge structure, access routes, and staging areas. The bridge spans an unnamed tributary to the Sacramento River.

**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 33, Temporary Construction Access, and Dewatering 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. 5A04CR00361.

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

Steve Cheney  
Union Pacific Railroad  
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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 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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cc: Steve Cheney, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, NE  
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