
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: 2 July 2024

Project Title:

Butte Creek Camp Fire Post-Fire Recovery Project
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Nearest City: Chico, CA
Sections 27, 28, 33, 34, Township 23 North, Range 38
East, MDB&M.
Start: Latitude: 39.80555° and Longitude: -121.63270°
End: Latitude: 39.82240° and Longitude: -121.64415°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to reduce sediment delivery to Butte Creek (a salmonid bearing stream) by improving road drainage, stream function, and water quality conditions along 2.4 miles of Centerville Road, an unpaved Butte County road within the Camp Fire burn area in the Butte Creek Watershed. Project treatments include upgrading 17 stream crossings, replacing 13 existing ditch relief culverts, installing 23 new ditch relief culverts, constructing 15 critical dips, and additional road surface treatments.

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. 5A04CR00363.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Thaddeus Walker
Butte County Resource Conservation District
150 Chuck Yeager Way, Suite A
Oroville, CA 95965

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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