

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 19712- UPRR Milepost 175.24 Bridge Replacement Project, Butte Creek, Butte County

Project Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad

Project Location: The project is located at Milepost 175.24 on the Valley Subdivision in unincorporated Butte County, and spans over Butte Creek west of State Route 99, approximately 0.4 mile north of the intersection of Midway Road and Esquon Road, in Butte County.

Project Description: To remove and replace the existing 11-span, 169-foot-long timber stringer trestle dual-track bridge (Segment C, No. 175.24) at the northern approach, with a 7-span, 204-foot-long, prestressed concrete box (PCB) girder bridge (Segments C and D). The proposed Segment C will consist of a single 24-foot-long beam span between the northern most existing Segment C pier and the southernmost new Segment D bent. The proposed Segment D will be 180-foot long, consisting of six 30-foot prestressed concrete box (PCB) girder spans. The replacement structure will consist of seven new bents, including one abutment bent. Each bent consists of one row of three 20-inch-diameter steel pipe piles, requiring a total of 21 piles. 11 of the existing timber pilings will be removed.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad

Exempt Status:

- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec.15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: Section 21080(b)(10 and CEQA CCR, Title 14, Sec.15275(a)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Board's approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for replacement of an existing railroad bridge that is related to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service of rail lines already in use, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the CEQA Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10) and CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15275(a). In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), categorical exemption because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

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Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

- Signed by Public Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.