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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  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 18 December 2024

**Project Title:**

Pit River Seismic Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Post miles 13.4 and 14.1 on State Route 299  
Bieber, CA 96009  
Latitude: 41.11497 and Longitude: -121.15498

**Project Location - County:**

Lassen County

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

The Project consists of seismic strengthening activities at bridges 07-0005 and 07-0007 on State Route 299. Project activities include wrapping bridge columns with fiber reinforced plastics and maintenance to seat extenders. The purpose of the Project is to preserve the structural integrity of the bridges to avoid failure in the event of an earthquake.

**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 3a.

**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. 5A18CR00034.

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

Michael Oguro  
California Department of Transportation  
703 B Street  
Marysville, 95901

**Exempt Status:**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, Article 19, section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is categorically exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves activities to maintain existing highway facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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