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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:** 9 January 2025

**Project Title:**

Mineral Multi-Use Path and Shoulders (EA 02-0K890)  
Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

State Route 36 in Tehama County from post mile 81.6 to 83.4.  
Starting Latitude: 40.346318° and Longitude: -121.613905°  
Ending Latitude: 40.348279° and Longitude: -121.594652

**Project Location - County:**

Tehama County

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

The Project consists of the construction of a paved, multi-use path along the eastbound lane of State Route 36. Culvert replacements, installations, and maintenance are needed to accommodate the construction of the path and other Project activities. The Project is needed to provide access to modes of active transportation in Mineral.

**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.

**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. 5A52CR00243.

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

Javed Iqbal  
California Department of Transportation  
1657 Riverside Drive  
Redding, CA 96001

**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 repair and maintain existing transportation facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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