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**Re: Rio Honda River Park Project [SCH 2025010989](#) — *Notice of Exemption***

Dear Ron Benny:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Notice of Exemption (NOE)* for the proposed Rio Honda River Park Project. The California Natural Resources Agency (State) is the lead agency and Amigos de los Rios (Applicant) is the project applicant.

The Applicant proposes to develop a trail and recreation area along the western bank of the Rio Hondo River, approximately 1.2 miles in length, between Valley Boulevard and Lower Azusa Road. This stretch of river passes under a bridge supporting two railroad tracks belonging to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Alhambra subdivision.

As there is currently no pedestrian or vehicular rail crossing on the west bank of the river, the Applicant and/or State will need to consult with RCEB and obtain CPUC authorization to construct a new crossing. This project should also prevent access to the railroad right-of-way from the proposed trail and recreation area.

Any proposed crossing improvement project must also conform to the goals of the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. This includes improving safety and access to transportation, improving local air quality and public health, and expanding outreach and public participation opportunities in disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan>.

RCEB is available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at this location and address any questions from the State or the Applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Le at (213) 999-9053, or [richard.le@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:richard.le@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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