
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
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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: 22 April 2025

Project Title:

Potato Patch (02-0K480) Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: State Route 32, post miles (PM) 16.02,
16.15, and 20.00
Start: Latitude: 40.199681° and Longitude:
-121.515481°
End: Latitude: 40.233221° and Longitude:
-121.466697°

Project Location - County:

Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Corrugated steel pipe culverts will be installed by cut and cover at three locations on State Route 32 to improve drainage and road safety. Four square feet of permanent impacts at each culvert inlet are anticipated from drainage improvements.

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. 5A52CR00245.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Kaylie Humbert
California Department of Transportation
1657 Riverside Drive
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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 and Reconstruction. Class 2.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is categorically exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves activities to replace existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

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