



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
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Date: 23 April 2025

Project Title: Horse Gulch Curve Project (02-3J520) and Horse Gulch Gap Project (02-0K750)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: State Route 36, post miles (PM) 15.90, PM 15.97, and PM 16.14
Latitude: 40.289694° and Longitude: -122.610926°
Latitude: 40.289562° and Longitude: -122.609667°
Latitude: 40.289738° and Longitude: -122.606548°

Project Location - County: Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of a curve realignment on State Route 36 in Tehama County. Three culverts in waters of the state will be replaced and realigned to accommodate the changes. Project activities at three culvert locations will result in impacts to waters of the state.

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. 5A52CR00246.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Sara Hunt
California Department of Transportation
703 B Street
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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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