
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: 1 May 2025

Project Title:

Gallagher Staircase Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: 2961 Highway 147, Lake Almanor, CA 96137
Latitude: 40.2081° and Longitude: -121.0686°

Project Location - County:

Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to provide access to the Lake Almanor shoreline from the private residence located at 2961 Highway 147 in Lake Almanor. The project consists of the installation of eight concrete piers, an upper concrete pad, and a prefabricated 4-foot by 40-foot aluminum staircase.

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 18, Minor Discharges.

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. 5A32CR00249.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Tim Gallagher
25259 Lincoln Street
Los Molinos, CA 96055

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 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15304 because the project involves minor, private alterations to land, water, and/or vegetation with no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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