
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
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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 May 2025

Project Title:

Flores Avenue at Oat Creek Emergency Repair Project
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude 40.0818° and Longitude: -122.1831°

Project Location - County:

Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project purpose was to conduct repairs to the bridge abutment along Flores Avenue over Oat Creek (Bridge No. 08C-0280) to prevent further erosion and potential bridge failure following rains from a January 2023 atmospheric river system. The repairs included the installation of rock slope protection to armor scour features along the southeastern embankment and adjacent to the wingwall. Temporary access paths and staging areas were located outside of any sensitive habitats.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, SPK-2024-00050 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. 5A52CR00247.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Annaly Ramirez
Tehama County Public Works
9380 San Benito Avenue
Gerber, CA 96035

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 maintenance activities to repair existing public works facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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