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: 23 May 2025

Project Title:

02-3H950 Geotechnical Excavation Graeagle CAP and Flood Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: 3545 Highway 89, Clio, CA 96106
Latitude: 39.740089° and Longitude: -120.581057°

Project Location - County:

Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of geotechnical excavation to observe the subsurface conditions and determine suitability for future embankment placement for the new road realignment between postmiles 4.20 and 4.81 of State Route 89. A total of five test pits will be excavated and locations will be chosen in areas with no surface water present at the time of excavation. The test pits will be excavated using a backhoe and shovels. Disturbed ground will be restored to pre-construction conditions.

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 6.

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. 5A32CR00251.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Azeddine Bahloul
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
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Marysville, CA 95901

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 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. Class 4.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:
This Project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15304 because it will only require minimal impacts to waters, land, and vegetation.

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