
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
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 2 July 2025

Project Title:

South Oroville Safe Routes to School Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Monte Vista Avenue and north of Lower Wyandotte Road, including Autry Lane, Oroville, CA 95966

Start: Latitude: 39.4763° and Longitude: -121.5479°
End: Latitude: 39.4804° and Longitude: -121.5304°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to improve public safety by widening the roadway to accommodate new Class I and Class II bike paths, improve pedestrian crossings and walkways, and install or extend 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, Linear Transportation Projects.

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. 5A04CR00375.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Terry Edwards
Butte County Public Works
7 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

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 minor alterations of existing public streets involving negligible expansion of existing use that does not create additional automobile lanes.

Federal Lead Agency Contact:

Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
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