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## 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:** 9 July 2025

**Project Title:**

Willard Road at Reeds Creek Bridge Emergency  
Repair Project (Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

Willard Road at Reeds Creek  
Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 04 West, MDB&M.  
Nearest City: Red Bluff  
Latitude: 40.1517° and Longitude: -122.3315°

**Project Location - County:**

Tehama County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Tehama County Public Works proposes to replace rock slope protection (RSP) associated with the Willard Road bridge over Reeds Creek. The washed away RSP occurred along both abutments and surrounding the central pier columns following rains from a January 2023 atmospheric river system. Additionally, damaged deck and stringers will be replaced.

The replaced RSP will armor the scoured areas with the minimum but sufficient amount of RSP necessary to prevent further erosion and potential bridge failure during future high flows. The total project area is 0.88 acres, including the staging areas and temporary access roads associated with the project.

**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 3(a).

*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. 5A52CR00249.

**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 categorically 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.

**Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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cc: Annaly Ramirez, Tehama County Public Works, Gerber  
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