



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: 19 August 2025

Project Title:

A-518 L-177A MP 59.98 Geohazard Mitigation Project
(Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Nearest City: Red Bluff
Latitude: 40.255316° and Longitude: -122.520412°

Project Location - County:

Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project purpose is to stabilize and cover an exposed natural gas transmission line within Long Gulch Creek which has become exposed along the eastern bank and has insufficient pipeline cover along the western bank. The Project involves the inspection and maintenance of the gas line along both banks of Long Gulch Creek, installation of Class II Rock Slope Protection (RSP), backfill with engineered fill and native fill along both banks, and installation of a temporary equipment ramp. A temporary timber mat bridge will be installed to cross an unnamed tributary to access the main work area. The overall goal is to mitigate the exposed line and provide safe operation of the L-177A pipeline.

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 13.

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. 5A52CR00250.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Craig Geldard
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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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project consists of maintenance of an existing natural gas transmission line involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

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