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:

Sweetbriar Bank Stabilization Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Address: 29511 Shade Avenue, Castella, CA 96017
Latitude: 41.133028° and Longitude: -122.318189°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project's purpose is to provide bank stabilization to prevent erosion and to protect the residential driveway, which is currently at risk of washing out during future high-flow events. The project consists of the installation of rock slope protection (RSP) consisting of quarter-ton rock extending for 120 feet along the bank resulting in 0.03 acre of permanent impacts.

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, Bank Stabilization.

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. 5A45CR00673.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Margaret McEvoy
1601 Austin Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:
This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15304 because the project involves minor, private alterations to land, water, and/or vegetation with no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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