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
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Date: 16 September 2025

Project Title:

Antlers Substation Road Watercourse Crossing Improvement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude 40.8951° and Longitude: -122.3817°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project proposes to replace an existing bridge used to access Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Antlers Substation located north of Lakehead in Shasta County. The repairs include removing the existing bridge, which consists of six culverts, and replacing it with a 31-foot-long by 24-foot-wide precast concrete slab. The new bridge will be installed on precast concrete footings/abutments that will be 4 feet wide by 21 feet long. Rock slope protection will be installed on the banks of the creek to protect the bridge abutments during high flows.

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. 5A45CR00677.

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 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:
This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15302 because the project involves replacement of an existing structure with a new structure that will be located in the same footprint and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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