



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

Date: 18 September 2025

Project Title:

2025 Lake Madrone Water District Sediment Removal Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude: 39.649751° and Longitude: -121.407919°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project will remove 42,000+ cubic yards of sediment from Lake Madrone using a long reach excavator and a hydraulic dredge to reestablish the historical depth of the lake. The project is limited to the removal of sediment from Lake Madrone, within the channel inlets of Berry Creek, Galen Creek, Moss Creek, and Fern Dell Creek.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, SPK-2020-00889.

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. 5A04CR00378.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Tim Beers
Lake Madrone Water District
7719 Kensington Drive
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Exempt Status:

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 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 the maintenance of Lake Madrone, an existing manmade water supply reservoir, involving no expansion of existing or former use.

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