California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption for
Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: 13 January 2026

Project Title:

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Canyon Subdivision Milepost 248.98 Bridge Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Section 30, Township 24 North, Range 06 West, MDB&M.
Latitude: 39.9021° and Longitude: -121.3559°

Project Location - County:

Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will replace the existing Canyon Subdivision Milepost 248.98 Bridge, which consists of a 60-foot-long, 72-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe. The existing structure will be replaced with a 100-foot-long, 60-inch-diameter smooth steel pipe (SSP) culvert that will be horizontally auger bored (jack and bored) through the existing railroad embankment approximately 6 feet east of and parallel to the existing culvert. The proposed culvert will be stabilized at the inlet and the outlet with riprap. Following construction of the replacement culvert, the existing culvert will be grouted and abandoned in place.

All work will occur within the existing right-of-way. Bridge materials (for example, culverts) will be transported to the project site by truck. Any materials removed from the existing structure will be hauled offsite.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:
Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404.

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. 5A32CR00256.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
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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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