

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19893 – Railroad Bridge 140.11 Segment Replacement Project

**Project Applicant/Person Carrying Out Project:** Union Pacific Railroad, Steve Cheney; Director; 1400 Douglas Street Stop 0910; Omaha, NE, 68179; [slcheney@up.com](mailto:slcheney@up.com); (402) 544-3227

**Project Location:** The project is located at the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge at Mile Post 140.11 on the Sacramento Subdivision that crosses the floodplain of the American River.

**Project Description:** To remove an existing 73-span, 1,094 feet-long, timber stringer glulam-open deck (TSG-OD) UPRR bridge section (Bridge MP 140.11) that crosses the American River overflow area and replace it with a 42-span, 1,258 feet long prestressed concrete box (PCB) bridge.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption: (PRC 21080(b), CCR Sec. 15275(a))

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Board's approval involves issuing a permit for replacement of an existing railroad bridge that is related to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service of rail lines already in use, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a). In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

*Chris Lief*

2/27/2026

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Signature                      Chris Lief, Executive Officer                      Date

- Signed by Public Agency       Signed by Responsible Agency

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.