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## 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  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

**Date:** 13 May 2026

**Project Title:**

Choudhuri Rip Rap and Stairway Repair Project  
(Project)

**Project Location - Specific:**

1415 Lassen View Drive, Lake Almanor CA 96137  
Latitude: 40.22557° and Longitude: -121.14055°

**Project Location - County:**

Plumas County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The proposed project will consist of bank stabilization using existing onsite rip rap boulders already below the high water mark to prevent seasonal erosion. The project will also consist of the removal of an existing staircase and the installation of a new one with new footings. An existing concrete pad at the bottom of the staircase may be replaced depending on its condition. The staircase footings and the lower concrete pad will be replaced in-kind, resulting in only temporary 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.

**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. 5A32CR00262.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Antoni Choudhuri  
5401 Belgrave Place  
Oakland, CA 94618

**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 Categorical 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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