



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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
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Date: 19 May 2026

Project Title:

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Valley Subdivision,
Milepost 255.69 Bridge Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Section 13, Township 31 North, Range 05 West, MDB&M.
Latitude: 40.54623° and Longitude: -122.38622°

Project Location - County:

Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will replace the existing six-span, 90-foot-long timber stringer trestle bridge with a six-span, 90-foot-long prestressed concrete box (PCB) structure. The existing bridge must be replaced because UPRR inspections have identified defects indicating that routine maintenance can no longer extend the safe operational condition of this bridge. Proposed activities include the construction of two temporary causeways flanking the bridge, installation of the new bridge piles, removal of the existing deck and bridge piles, and replacement bridge construction.

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. 5A45CR00696.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, as lead agency, determined 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 bridge 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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