
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: 7 July 2026

Project Title:

PG&E Oro Fino 1102, PH 1.4 & 1.5 Ephemeral Stream
Stabilization Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Nearest Cross Streets: AJ Stohr and Forest Ranch Road
Latitude: 39.884632° and Longitude: -121.675005°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to remove large cobble that was previously placed within the ephemeral stream and to restore the impacted area to preexisting conditions. No constituents will be discharged during work. Sediment will be contained via the use of best management practices (BMPs) and work will occur when the ephemeral waterway is completely dry. The Project will temporarily impact a total of 0.0029 acre of waters of the state and is expected to have no permanent impacts to waters of the state.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

State Agency approval for Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A04CR00390.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Heather Gresham
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Exempt Status:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead agency, determined that the project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the project was determined to be categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, 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 categorically 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.

State Lead Agency Contact Person:

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