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
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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: 10 November 2026

Project Title:

Sycamore Grove Boat Ramp Maintenance Project (Project)

Project Location - Specific:

Red Bluff, CA 96080
Latitude: 40.15358° and Longitude: -122.19837°

Project Location - County:

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project is an annually recurring maintenance program to keep the Sycamore Grove Boat Ramp safe and usable for access to the Sacramento River. An excavator operating from the paved ramp will remove the deposited sediment. Larger, clean cobble from the excavated sediment material will be used to backfill and regrade the drop-off area at the end of the ramp, creating a smoother and safer transition into the water; most of the excavated sediment material will be hauled to an approved upland disposal area on U.S. Forest Service property.

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. 5A52CR00260.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Mendocino National Forest
825 North Humboldt Avenue
Willows, CA 95988

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 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:
This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project entails the maintenance of an existing boat ramp facility involving no expansion of existing use.

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