
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research **From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Date: 2 April 2020

Project Title: AT&T LightGuide Fiber Optic Cable Repair Phase 2 Project,
Tehama County (WDID No. 5A52CR00200)

Project Location - Specific: Latitude: 40.371688° and Longitude: -122.331858°

Project Location - County: Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will restore the streambed for unobstructed fish passage and stream flow by removing concrete encasements, steel casing, and pieces of the nonactive, fiber optic cable that were exposed due to erosion and were temporarily left in place after the fiber optic cable and conduit were replaced as part of Phase 1.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District. Clean Water Act Section 404, Regional General Permit 16, Anadromous Salmonid Fisheries Restoration.

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. 5A52CR00200.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Lana Scarlett-Rowell
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Exempt Status:

The project meets CEQA Categorical Exemption section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that:

- (a) There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065;
- (b) There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed; and
- (c) The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This Project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15333 because it is a restoration project less than 5 acres in size for the benefit of fish and wildlife.

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