



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 From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Date: 19 June 2020

Project Title: Captain Jack Olinda - Tier 3 Road Repairs,

Redding (WDID No. 5A45CR00590)

Project Location - Specific: Section 5,7, and 33, T34N, R1W

Round Mountain, CA

Start: Latitude: 40.80825° and Longitude: -121.94240° End: Latitude: 40.69232° and Longitude: -122.04911°

Project Location - County: Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Western Area Power Administration plans to conduct maintenance of its access roads along the Captain Jack Olinda 500kV transmission line to ensure reliable access to the towers for repair and/or inspection. This will include road grading, repairing/replacing culverts, installation of riprap at culvert outlets, and armoring of low-water crossings.

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, Nationwide Permit No. 12, Utility Line Activities.

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. 5A45CR00590.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Gerald Robbins Western Area Power Administration 114 Parkshore Drive Folsom, CA 95630

Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves minor repair of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

Federal Lead Agency Contact Person:

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