



# 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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- **<u>Project Title:</u>** CAR-KE 4/4 Pole Replacement Road Repairs Project, Redding (WDID No. 5A45CR00598)
- **Project Location Specific:** Township 32N, Range 6W and 7W Whiskeytown, CA Start: Latitude: 40.603401° and Longitude: -122.559263° End: Latitude: 40.598421° and Longitude: -122.562094°

## Project Location - County: Shasta County

## Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) plans to conduct maintenance of its access roads along the Carr-Keswick 230kV transmission line to ensure reliable access to the towers for repair and/or inspection. Planned replacement of tower 4/4 on the Carr-Keswick 230kV transmission line requires repair and maintenance of access roads leading up to the transmission line. Tower 4/4 is experiencing structural deformation due to its proximity to an erosional feature. WAPA plans to relocate tower 4/4 downslope to a more stable position. This will include road grading, repairing/replacing culverts, repairing/replacing riprap, and armoring of low-water crossings.

## Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

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. 5A45CR00598.

#### Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

LaTisha Saare 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:

Matthew Roberts, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Redding

## State Lead Agency Contact Person:

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