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Project Title: Permit No. 19150-1 State Route 216 Tulare Bridge Mitigation Planting

Project Applicant (if any): California Department of Transportation, District 6

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located adjacent to the State Route 216, PM 18.80, Kaweah River Bridge downstream of Terminus Dam, southeast of the community of Woodlake, in Tulare County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To mitigate for trees removed during widening of the State Route 216 bridge authorized under Permit No. 19150 by planting young native trees and shrubs above the 100-year water surface elevation. To remove noxious and invasive species from the project area. A temporary irrigation system will be installed on grade.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15333, 15304, 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 33, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15333) because the proposed activity consists of the restoration of a disturbed area less than five acres with native plant species. The project is also exempt under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15304) because the proposed activity consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project is also exempt under the Class 1, Existing Conditions, categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301) because the proposed activity consist of maintenance of existing native growth by removing noxious and invasive plants. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

February 21, 2023

Signature Sarah C. Backus, Executive Officer

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Responsible Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR: