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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19861 - To Authorize Main Drain Canal Bridge

**Project Applicant (if any):** California Department of Transportation

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The bridge is located on State Route 58 at Postmile 27.82 crossing Main Drain Canal in the census-designated place of Buttonwillow in Kern County, CA.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To authorize the existing, 52-foot-long bridge (Br. No 50-0013) over Main Drain Canal located on State Route 58, in Kern County. The bridge consists of 2 class I concrete bent piles and 2 class II abutments.

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

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Transportation

**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: Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Main Drain Canal was originally constructed in 1948 predating the completion of the State Plan of Flood Control. Here, the Board’s action is limited to approving an encroachment permit to authorize the Main Drain Canal Bridge. The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity 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. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY: August 23, 2024

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Responsible Agency

**Date Received for filing at OPR:**

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.