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Project Title: Permit No. 19722: North Cow Creek/Bella Vista Siphon Removal and Fish Passage Project

Project Applicant (if any): Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located at the northeastern corner of the Swede’s Creek Road bridge that crosses North Cow Creek in Shasta County, CA.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To remove 70 feet of an existing unused 24-inch steel water siphon pipe plugged with concrete which crosses Little Cow Creek south of the Swede’s Creek Road Bridge east of Palo Cedro in Shasta County, California. The project includes demolition of the pipe from the channel with each end plugged with concrete, excavation, and re-contouring of streambed at demolition location to allow for immediate fish passage and spreading of excess excavated material downstream of siphon location. The plugged ends of the pipe will remain within the floodway on the upper banks. Temporary coffer dams will be installed upstream and downstream of the work area during construction. Rock scour protection will be salvaged and reused on site. The willows adjacent to the structure will be removed and replanted once the structure is removed.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

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, 15301, 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 33, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Section 15333) because the proposed activity consists of the restoration of a disturbed area less than five acres and will help improve fish passage. The project is also exempt under the Class 1, Existing Facilities, categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15301) because the proposed activity consists of the demolition of an existing concrete siphon structure, saw cut and removal of the pipe with each end plugged with concrete. The project is also exempt under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15304) because the proposed activity consists of minor excavation and re-contouring of the streambed. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

May 28, 2023

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.