

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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Project Title: American River Watershed Common Features 2016 – Topographic and Utility Surveys

Project Applicant (if any): Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Project Location/Address/City/County: Surveys will be conducted along a 15-mile reach of the Sacramento River on the left bank (east levee) between the American River confluence and Clarksburg. Surveys will also be conducted in various locations along the Lower American River within the American River Parkway. The survey areas occur in the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) will conduct topographic and utility surveys at planned flood system improvement areas along the Sacramento River and Lower American River as part of the American River Watershed Common Features (ARCF) 2016 Project. Survey data will be used to inform future engineering design of the ARCF 16 Project. The surveys will include data gathering of all flood control features located on the landside of the planned erosion protection sites. The utility surveys would include potholing to verify existing underground utilities. Potholing methods include the use of hand tools or air and hydro vacuum excavation that are mounted to a trailer or truck. Surveys are expected to be completed in February 2021.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: United States Army Corps of Engineers

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: 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project consists of minor alterations to land and subsurface data collection that will not result in any significant impacts to the environment. There would be no in water work. Best management practices will be utilized to avoid impacts to the environment including spill prevention measures and stormwater runoff control. The work would not impact state or federally listed species. Woody vegetation would be protected and preserved in place to the maximum extent feasible. A qualified biologist would monitor survey activities if woody vegetation must be trimmed. No potholing would occur within 20-feet of the dripline of an elderberry shrub. No trimming of elderberry shrubs would occur if the stems are larger than one inch or during the valley elderberry longhorn beetle active season of April 15 through July 15. Any trimming or pruning of an elderberry shrub would be conducted with direct oversight of a qualified biologist.

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Signature	Leslie M. Gallagher, Executive Officer	Date

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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

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