

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2023129 – 500-Year Flood Protection Project – Climate Resilience Project: Feather River East Levee Cutoff Wall Borings

Project Applicant (if any): Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project reach is just north of RD 784’s Pump Station No. 2 and slightly upstream from the tie-in with the Bear River Setback Levee at Station 44+90 along the crown of the Feather River east levee, Yuba County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sonic borings will be drilled using a full-size, truck-mounted sonic drill rig up to 100 ft below land surface. Explorations will be backfilled with cement-bentonite grout mixed onsite.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority

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: Sections 15306 (Information Collection) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306), because the activity consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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