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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19614: Sam G. Lewis & Son Walnut Tree Replacement Project

**Project Applicant (if any):** Sam G. Lewis & Son

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located along the right (west) overflow area of Butte Creek, approximately 1.75 miles northeast of the City of Durham, in Butte County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To replant 12 acres of walnut trees and drip irrigation on grade along the right (west) overflow area of Butte Creek.

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

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Sam G. Lewis & Son

**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: § 15301 and § 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301) because the proposed activity consists of the removal and replanting of existing features including 12 acres of walnut trees that will not involve the expansion of an existing or former use. The project is also exempt under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15304) because the proposed activity consists of the minor private alterations in the condition of vegetation for agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

**CVFPB Contact Person:** Jennifer Calles, (916) 480-5413

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March 2, 2022

Signature      Leslie M. Gallagher, 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.