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Project Title: Permit No. 19646: UPRR Milepost 235.13 Bridge Replacement

Project Applicant (if any): Union Pacific Railroad

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located where the existing UPRR Fresno Subdivision rail line crosses Cross Creek at Milepost (MP) 235.13, approximately 10 miles northwest of the community of Visalia, within Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, MDB&M in Tulare County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To replace the existing six span, 85-foot-long timber-stringer-trestle (TST) single track bridge that crosses a segment of the Cross Creek Designated Floodway with a three span, 108-foot-long precast concrete box (PCB) girder bridge on driven H-pile bents with concrete bent caps. Riprap will be placed at the abutments for erosion control.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15302,
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: PRC 21080(b)(10), CEQA Guidelines 14CCR 15275

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Board staff has determined that the project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Board’s approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for replacement of an existing railroad bridge that is related to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service of rail lines already in use, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a). In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines § 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply

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Date

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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