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Project Title: Permit No. 19860 - Avenue 428 Sand Creek Bridge (No.46C-0340) Replacement Project

Project Applicant (if any): County of Tulare

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located over Sand Creek, approximately 0.7 mile north of the community of Cutler-Orosi, and approximately 0.25 mile east of State Route 63 (SR-63) in Tulare County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To remove and replace the existing Avenue 428 Bridge (Bridge #46C-0340) with a 35.5 foot wide and 75.5 foot long single-span cast in place prestressed concrete slab structure and includes two 12-foot lanes and two 4-foot shoulders. The structure includes reinforced concrete seat-type abutments founded on 28, 24-inch cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) concrete piles (14 per abutment) that may extend up to 50 feet deep. The project also includes addition of concrete barriers (Type 836), metal beam guardrail and rock slope protection (RSP) underneath the bridge at each bank. Temporary structures such as falsework will also be placed in the stream during the construction.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: County of Tulare

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: § 15302, 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement and Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15302), because the proposed activity consists of the removal and replacement of an existing deficient bridge with substantially the same purpose and capacity in the same location. The project is also exempt under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304) because the proposed activity consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land that includes placing rock slope protection underneath the bridge at each bank. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

June 28, 2024

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.