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Project Title: Permit No. 19856 - Tuolumne River Mainstem Channel Restoration Upstream of Old La Grange Bridge Project

Project Applicant (if any): Turlock Irrigation District

Project Location/Address/City/County: Southeast of the intersection of N Old La Grange Rd and Indian Hill Rd, approximately 0.14 miles north of the town of La Grange in Stanislaus County, CA.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To create 8.4 acres of instream habitat enhancement, restoring in-channel, riparian, and floodplain habitat primarily for salmonid spawning by filling parts of the existing river channel with gravels to replenish gravel that has moved downstream, creating pool-riffle sequences in the mainstem Tuolumne River, and adding boulders to the downstream riffles and pools. An existing culvert will also be replaced and the existing road that extends upstream of Old La Grange Bridge will be improved. The Project also includes temporary access roads that will be removed.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Stanislaus County

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:
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: PCR Section 21080.56, subdivision (a) to (d)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA. The Board’s approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for the restoration and creation of in-channel, riparian, and floodplain habitat under the Basso-La Grange Reach Floodplain and Spawning Habitat Restoration Project, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the CEQA Public Resources Code Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d) and received concurrence from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to CEQA Public Resources Code Section 21080.56(e).

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

June 19, 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.