

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2024020 - Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project DIPP

Project Applicant (if any): Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA)

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project site is within Levee District 1 Sutter’s jurisdiction, within Levee Unit 1, between levee miles 0.0 – 1.7 and USACE levee miles 7.5 – 9.3 within Sutter County, CA.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The work includes a minimum of thirty-six hollow-stem dry auger borings, with thirty-four borings on the levee crown to a depth of 20 feet and spaced approximately 200 to 300 feet apart, and two borings in the levee toe roads to a depth of 10 feet located approximately 2,000 feet east of the Sutter Bypass East Levee connection. If the borings in the crown come back positive for cultural deposits, the UAIC has requested that up to twelve additional auger borings be placed in the landside and waterside toe roads to better assess the cultural deposits. Additionally, five sonic geotechnical borings are proposed for the construction contractor to collect representative soil samples for use in conducting bench scale cutoff wall mix design testing. These borings will be located at intervals along the project length, drilling to a depth of 80 feet, approximately 10 feet below the deepest cutoff wall tip elevation.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: SBFCA

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: Section 15304 Minor Alterations and 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations (CCR), 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. In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, 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. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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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.