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**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19709 To Authorize Existing Irrigation Facilities and Name Change

**Project Applicant (if any):** Mineko Walterhouse - Hidenori Asano and Fumiko Asano Family Trust u/d/t dated March 30, 2006

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The irrigation facility is located at the west end of West Mathews Road, Reclamation District 17 Unit 2, San Joaquin River, in French Camp, California and about 0.2 miles north of the Howard Road Bridge in San Joaquin County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To authorize an existing irrigation facility which includes a waterside pumphouse, 8-inch diameter up-and-over pipe, electrical conduit, siphon breaker with protective housing on the landside hinge, landside concrete standpipe and service pole. This facility was previously authorized along with two additional encroachments under Permit Number 15104 (March 29, 1989) with USACE concurrence (November 21, 1988), while having separate ownership. This facility is also identified in USACE Sacramento O&M Manual, Unit 2, May 1963 (Revised December 29, 2016) as an 8-inch pipe at LM 2.69. This is also a name change permit and includes conditions that are consistent with current flood control standards and policies of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

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

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Mineko Walterhouse - Hidenori Asano and Fumiko Asano Family Trust u/d/t dated March 30, 2006

**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 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

Board staff has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301), because the activity consists of permitting existing facilities including: a waterside pumphouse, 8-inch diameter up-and-over pipe, electrical conduit, siphon breaker with protective housing on the landside hinge, landside concrete standpipe and service pole. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply. Board staff has also determined that an application to change the name of the permittee does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and thus, is not a "project" for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21065; CEQA Guidelines § 15378(a)).

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March 9, 2023

Signature Sarah C. Backus, Executive Officer

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Responsible Agency

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