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Project Title: San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River, California Project-- Soil Investigation at Fourteen Mile Slough Pump Station

Project Applicant (if any): N/A

Project Location/Address/City/County: The proposed soil investigation will be at Fourteenmile slough pump station located on Wright Elmwood Tract in Stockton, CA.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in coordination with the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) propose to collect environmental soil samples to investigate whether soils are contaminated and to what extent. A maximum of 60 drill holes will be conducted at the selected locations by using a hand auger and direct push drilling methods. The information collected will support a Phase II Site Assessment for the design of the Lower San Joaquin River Project.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: USACE

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15304 Minor Alteration of Land
15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the CEQA CCR, Title 14, Sections 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and 15306 (Information Collection) categorical exemptions (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Sections 15304, 15306) because the proposed project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. In addition, the proposed project includes the basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Further, none of the exceptions 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

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