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FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2023050198

Project Title: Lower San Joaquin River Reach TS_30_L Levee Improvement Project - Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (20 Borings) (LSJR Improvement Project)

Project Applicant (if any): N/A

Project Location/Address/City/County: The borings will occur at Fourteenmile slough pump station located on Wright Elmwood Tract in the City of Stockton, in San Joaquin County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) with its non-federal sponsors, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) and San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA), plan to collect soil samples at Fourteenmile Slough pump station to inform a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment. A maximum of 20 drill holes will be sampled at the selected locations by using a hand auger and direct push drilling methods. Soil samples will be collected from the surface to the total drilled depth of 20 feet below ground surface, or until refusal. The samples would be analyzed for various contaminants of concern.

Public Agency Approving Project: Board

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources (DWR)

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: § 15304 Minor Alterations, § 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined that the LSJR Improvement 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. Therefore, a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the State Clearinghouse.

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Date

Signed by Lead 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.