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**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19736 – Site Plan Review 2, Zone Map 104-5: Camp Okihi Water Line Project

**Project Applicant (if any):** County of Kern

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The proposed project is located 2.7 miles north of East State Route 178, and 10.86 miles east of State Route 99 within the Kern River Designated Floodway, in Kern County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To install a 4-inch diameter water line within a 30-inch diameter steel casing which will be installed a minimum of 15 feet underneath the Kern River via the bore-and-jack installation method. The water line and appurtenances will be connected below grade to an existing water meter on the south and an existing water system on the north. A temporary jacking pit, receiving pit, and sump will be constructed to facilitate the installation. All temporary facilities will be removed upon completion of the installation.

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

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** County of Kern

**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: Sections 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15301) because the proposed activity consists of the replacement of an existing utility system involving negligible or no expansion in capacity. The project is also exempt under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15302) because the proposed activity consists of the alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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*ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:* \_\_\_\_\_ November 20, 2023

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.