

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency): Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley, 11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(Address)

Project Title: San Joaquin Sheet Pile Removal Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The Project will occur at Post Mile 0.022 on State Route (SR) 41, centered near latitude 36.876377, longitude - 119.792864, in Madera County.

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project activities include the removal of a single sheet pile from the San Joaquin River, previously abandoned in place following construction of the SR 41 bridge.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, CCR, title 14, section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt under Class 1 for existing facilities. The Project does not include permanent impacts to waters of the state, but rather a removal of existing fill.

Lead Agency Judith Lopez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 383-5519  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Olivia Staley Date: 06/14/2024 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_