

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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Project Title: Permit No. 19848 – Kern River Canal Backup Weir Reconstruction

Project Applicant (if any): City of Bakersfield Water Resources Department

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located in-channel approximately 200 feet upstream of Coffee Road Bridge in the City of Bakersfield, in Kern County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To remove and replace the existing weir and downstream riprap, construct a new River Canal retaining/intake wall and construct a new instrument building. The project also includes 1) the reconstruction of a sand plug, 2) the installation of electrical conductors, lighting, control panels, guard posts, fencing and gates, 3) the redistribution and grading of approximately 14,000 cubic yards of sediment, and 4) the installation of a 12-foot-wide paved bike path on the adjacent levee and weir structure, which will connect existing paths on both sides of the river. The proposed weir is 87' long by 13-to-17' tall by 45' wide, and the proposed retaining wall is 25' long by 13' tall by 2' wide.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: City of Bakersfield Water Resources Department

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 15301 Existing Facilities and 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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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.