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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19863: Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative Project –GLE 162, Bridge 11-0010

**Project Applicant (if any):** California Department of Technology

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located on State Route 162, Postmile 67.74, at approximately 39.52419°N, 122.17319°W, crossing Willow Creek a Board Regulated Stream and within Colusa Drain Board Designated Floodway, Caltrans Bridge (#11-0010), Glenn County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To install one (1) 2-inch diameter high-density polyethylene conduit, housing fiber optic cables, by horizontal directional drilling when approaching and departing the bridge, and one (1) 2-inch diameter, Type 1 (steel) conduit will be used when attaching it to the bridge. The conduit will be crossing the Willow Creek Bridge (#11-0010), located on State Route 162, at Postmile 67.74, in Glenn County.

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

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Technology

**Exempt Status:**

- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemption: Section 21080.51

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA. The Board’s approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for the installation of a Broadband Network Infrastructure including conduit, fiber optic cable, vaults, maintenance vehicle pullouts, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the CEQA Public Resources Code Section 21080.51. In addition, the Board has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15303), because the activity consists of the installation of utility extensions. The project is also exempt under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15304), because the project involves minor public alterations in the condition of the land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY: July 1, 2024

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.