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Project Title: Permit No. 19867: Broadband Network Infrastructure at State Route 32 Dead Horse Slough Culvert at Post Mile 11.73 (Culvert No. 120320001173)

Project Applicant (if any): California Department of Technology

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located on State Route 32, Postmile 11.73, at approximately 39.742093°N, 121.791354°W, crossing Dead Horse Slough (Caltrans Culvert Inventory No. 120320001173), in the City of Chico, Butte County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To install one (1) 2-inch diameter Fiber Optic Conduit (FOC) housing fiber optic cables crossing beneath the existing 8 feet by 6 feet Dead Horse Slough culvert. The FOC is proposed to be installed by horizontal directional drilling method under the Dead Horse Slough culvert to a minimum depth of 5 feet below the culvert.

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 on a publicly owned culvert located on State Route 32 over Dead Horse Slough, 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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JULY 8, 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.