

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 170  
Sacramento, CA 95821

**Project Title:** Permit No. 19884: Broadband Network Infrastructure Project- SR 174 at Bear River Bridge No. 19-0065 at Postmile 2.82

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

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located on State Route 174, approximately at 39.130631°N, 120.958861°W, crossing Bridge No. 19-0065, from the city of Colfax, Placer County to the city of Grass Valley, Nevada 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 Bear River at Bridge No. 19-0065. The FOC is proposed to be installed by trenching 24-inches on each end of the bridge and attaching the FOC to the bridge upstream right overhang.

**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 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.

**Board Contact Person:** Angela Nguyen-Tan; (916) 837-3717; Angela.Nguyen-Tan@cvflood.ca.gov

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:**

**August 13, 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.