

Notice of Exemption

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FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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Project Title: Permit No. 19895: Broadband Network Infrastructure Project- SR 155 at Kern River (Bridge No. 50- 0148) at Post Mile 70.07

Project Applicant (if any): California Department of Technology

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located on State Route 155, PM 70.07, at approximately 35.640309°N, 118.482660°W, crossing Bridge No. 50-0148, in the City of Lake Isabella, Kern County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To install one (1) two-inch diameter conduit, housing a fiber optic cable, across Kern River at Bridge No. 50-0148. The conduit is to be installed by trenching 2 to 6 feet deep on either end of the bridge and by attaching it to the bridge’s upstream left 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.

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Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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