

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19794: Authorize Existing Bridge State Route 178 at Kern River 50-0279

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

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located on State Route 178, at Postmile R38.84, approximately at 35.58793°N, 118.52634°W, in the city of Lake Isabella, Kern County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To authorize an existing 3-span, 470-foot-long, 60-foot-wide, 4-lane, steel girder, Caltrans Bridge No. 50-0279, located on State Route 178, and crossing the Kern River in Kern County.

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

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

**Exempt Status:**

- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemption:

**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 authorizing an existing public facility. 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

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