

**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:** Minor Alteration No. WA2024108 – O Street Flap Gate and Pipeline Repair

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

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located along the left bank of the Sacramento River in Sacramento County located at the following coordinates: NA005, 38.57883°N, 121.50773°W, Levee Mile 0.85.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To authorize in-kind repairs on an existing drainpipe through the left bank of the Sacramento River originally authorized by Board Permit 5695, issued to State of California, Department of Public Works, Divisions of Highways, to serve a critical drainage function for Interstate 5. The proposed work includes the following: (1) removal and replacement of the outfall headwall; (2) removal and replacement of the existing flap gate; (3) removal, replacement, and repair of the drainpipe; and (4) removal, replacement, and reuse of rock slope protection; and (5) trimming overgrown vegetation.

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

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

**Exempt Status:**

- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: 14 CCR 15282(d) and PRC Section 21080.21

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA. The Board’s approval involves approving a minor alteration request for pipe replacement, which is exempt under CEQA California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Section 15282(k) because the activity involves the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, or removal of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code. The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Finally, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. 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

**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.