

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**Project Title:** Minor Alteration No. WA2024182- Chevron Wells Salvage Perforation, Kern River Floodway, Kern County

**Project Applicant (if any):** Chevron North America

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located within the Kern River Designated Floodway, n Adopted Plan of Flood Control, between 35°25'52.4"N, 118°57'00.2"W and 35°25'13.9"N, 118°58'29.5"W in Kern County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed abandonment work involves the removal of the pump unit and power pole, mobilization of a rig to remove rods and tubing from the well and mobilization of a Coil Tubing Unit (CTU) to clean out the well to the bottom, and bulk cement and pump trucks to fill the well with cement from bottom to surface. All equipment and material associated with each oil well will be completely removed from the well pad. All staging areas, if necessary for equipment or materials and escape routes, will be located outside of the floodway.

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

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Chevron North America

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. 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.