

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2024154- Encroachment (Irrigation Pipe) Maintenance at RD 2064 Unit 2 LM 4.2

Project Applicant (if any): MCR Engineering

Project Location/Address/City/County: The proposed project is located at levee mile 4.2 in Unit 2 at the following GPS coordinates: 37°42'19.7"N, 121°10'46.6"W.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project proposes to replace the existing Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) pipeline and associated equipment in-kind. The new pipe material will be steel with poly wrapping. The construction activities will consist of removing the existing pipeline, installing a positive closure device on the waterside hinge, installing the new pipeline, backfilling around and under with Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM), and performing soil compaction and pipe leakage testing. The replacements will occur within the original footprint. Construction activities will require clearing and grubbing of existing vegetation in the work area and involve ground disturbance by heavy equipment and concrete trucks along the levee crown and slopes. The access road will be replaced in kind. Excavation to the levee will occur to a depth of 3.2 ft below the design water surface elevation and will be backfilled with approved fill or native material placed in 4" to 6" lifts and compacted to a relative compaction of 90%.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: MCR Engineering

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 & 15302
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: Sec. 15282(k)

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, Title 14, Section 15282(k) because the activity involves the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length. 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. The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, 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. 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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.