

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2023059 - Camp Pollock River Observation Deck and Improved River Access Features - Geotechnical Cone Penetration Test Project

Project Applicant: Sacramento Valley Conservancy

Project Location: The project is located along the north overflow bank of the American River, just downstream of the Hwy 160 bridge, in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Project Description: To collect soil information for use in support of the Camp Pollack River Observation Deck and Improved River Access Project. The exploration activities consist of using a track-mounted rig to advance two (2) Cone Penetration Tests (CPT) and five (5) hand augers. The hand augers will be 3-inch diameter, 5-foot-deep, and will be backfilled with native soil or sand. The CPTs will be advanced to 50 feet below existing ground, or to refusal, collecting measurements from sensors at specific intervals, and backfilling the void with grout to top of hole the same day of testing. Soil samples will be collected using hand-driven sampler tubes and by collecting cuttings. Existing access roads in the overflow area will be used for access to the site. Construction activities will require clearing and grubbing of existing vegetation in the work area and involve ground disturbance by a truck mounted drill rig and backfill within the floodway.

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

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Sacramento Valley Conservancy

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: Sacramento Valley Conservancy; Lisa Allen; (831) 277-2056

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. 15306 & 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306), because the activity consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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Chris Lief

Signature	Chris Lief, Executive Officer	Date
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- Signed by Public 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.