

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 17418-1: Empire Tract Landing Ramp Replacement

Project Applicant: Reclamation District Nos. 2041 and 2108

Project Location: The project is located on the southwest corner of Empire Tract, approximately 13 miles northwest of the City of Stockton, in San Joaquin County.

Project Description: To remove and replace the Empire Tract Landing Ramp located along the right (east) bank of the San Joaquin River. The work activities will consist of; demolition of the existing landing ramp, treated wood decking and support pilings; and construct a new hybrid steel/wood landing ramp decking on new steel H-piles, and new concrete approach apron. This is also a "name change" permit that includes conditions that are consistent with current flood control standards and policies of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. This permit supplements Permit No. 17418 that was issued to San Joaquin County, Department of Public Works on 3/19/2002 to repair the existing ferry ramp which includes reconstruction of the #3 Span's superstructure, replacement of the cap on Bent No. 4 and rehabilitation of the Bent No. 2 on the right (northeast) bank levee of Stockton Deep Water Channel in the Empire Tract.

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

Lead Agency Carrying Out Project: Reclamation District Nos. 2041 and 2108, Dante Nomellini (209) 465-5883

CEQA Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15301, 15302, 15304

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. The project is also 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. Finally, 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, 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. The Board has determined that an application to change the name of the permittee does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and thus, is not a "project" for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Public Resources Code Section 21065; CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15378(a)).

2/18/2025

Chris Lief
 Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

Signed by Public Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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

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