

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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**Project Title:** Minor Alteration No. WA2023202 - Western Canal Water District Geotechnical Borings Butte Basin

**Project Applicant:** Western Canal Water District

**Project Location:** The project is located in western Butte County within the Butte Basin floodway (39.547307°, -121.903792°). Borings 1 and 2 are located at 39.54711°, -121.90403° and 39.54748°, -121.90361°, respectively.

**Project Description:** The project proposes to drill two conventional geotechnical borings, made to a maximum depth of 25 feet below the existing ground surface using a truck mounted hollow stem auger, in support of a geotechnical engineering evaluation of soils underlying an existing structure. Immediately following drilling, the bore holes will be filled with neat cement grout (mixture of 94 pounds of Portland cement (ASTM C-150 Standard) to five to six gallons of water which is free from contaminants, turbidity, or settleable solids in accordance with the Butte County Environmental Health Department requirements).

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

**Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Western Canal Water District

**Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number:** Western Canal Water District, Thomas Ostrowski, (805) 305-5335

**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 Board has determined that 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 healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

*Chris Lief*

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Signature                      Chris Lief, Executive Officer                      Date

- Signed by Public Agency       Signed by Responsible Agency