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Project Title: American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 – Sacramento River East Levee (SREL) Contract 3 and SREL Contract 4 (SREL C3 and C4 Projects): Geotechnical Soil Sampling

Project Location/Address/City/County: The sonic drilling explorations will occur in various locations along the left bank (East side) of the Sacramento River between locational boundaries of Clarksburg (located across from the geotechnical soil sampling activities) and the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers in Sacramento County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), along with its non-Federal sponsors, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), are conducting sonic drilling and hand augering activities along the Sacramento River for the purpose of soil characterization and characterizing soil for potential presence of contamination, to inform project design for the SREL C3 and C4 Projects.

Public Agency Approving Project: CVFPB

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: USACE

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: 15304 Minor Alteration of Land; 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The proposed action is exempt as it includes only minor alterations of land, and data collected will be used to support SREL C3 and C4 Projects’ planning and engineering design (14 CCR§15304, 14 CCR§15306). The data collection will not result in any significant impacts to environmental resources.

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Date

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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