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**Project Title:** American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 Project (ARCF Project), American River Contract 4A: Archeological, Geotechnical, Environmental, Topographic and Utility Surveys

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The proposed project will occur along a combined 5.5 miles of the left and right banks of the Lower American River in North Sacramento and La Riviera in Sacramento County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), has requested the Department of Water Resources (DWR), on behalf of the non-federal sponsors the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), conduct subsurface archaeological exploration, environmental soil sampling, geotechnical boring, topographic survey and utility survey activities to collect data to support the design of erosion protection and levee improvement under Contract 4A as part of the ARCF Project.

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

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Department of Water Resources

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 Minor Alterations; 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15306 (Information Collection) categorical exemptions because the proposed project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. In addition, the proposed project includes the basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Further, none of the exceptions in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.