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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 20055 – Owens Creek MID Stream Gauging Station Authorization

Project Applicant: Merced Irrigation District, 744 W 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340; Michael Morris; Project Manager; (209) 354-2882; mmorris@mercedid.org

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Project Location: The project is located directly to the west of the South Quinley Avenue crossing over Owens Creek at approximate coordinates 37.232342°N, 120.597813°W, Merced County.

Project Description: To authorize the existing stream gauge station and erosion control measures on the right bank of Owens Creek. The stream gauge station consists of a 36-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe recorder house on top of a concrete foundation, a 30-inch diameter concrete pipe underneath the concrete foundation, and a leader pipe that extends into the Owens Creek floodway with a concrete footing. The erosion control measures include a 20-foot-by-25-foot section of geotextile fabric and riprap. The stream gauge station was installed prior to the Adopted Plan of Flood Control.

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

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: Sec. 15301

☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The Board has determined that the project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301). The project qualifies for this exemption because it is limited to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of an existing facility and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Board further finds that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 9/3/2026

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.