

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 9876-1 – Fresno County Bridge Scour Maintenance Project (Bridges 42C0104 and 42C0367)

Lead Agency/Project Applicant: County of Fresno, Alexis Rutherford, Staff Analyst, 2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721, arutherford@fresnocountyca.gov, (559) 600-4109

Project Location: The bridges are located where W. Excelsior Avenue crosses Fresno Slough along the borderline between Fresno County and Kings County, approximately 2 miles south of W. Mt. Whitney Avenue and 2.1 miles west of S. Cornelia Avenue, in Fresno County (36.4014°N, 119.924778°W), Fresno Slough, Fresno County.

Project Description: To place erosion and scour protection at two existing bridges (Bridge Nos. 42C0104 and 42C0367) over Fresno Slough. Concrete slope protection and cutoff wall to be installed along the channel banks as an extension to the existing bridge structure. Rock Slope Protection (RSP) to be placed approximately 105 feet along the channel banks, abutments, and in channel piers. The project also includes treatments for both bridge decks and the installation of a new concrete approach slab at the east end of Bridge No. 42C0104. This permit supplements Permit No. 9876 that was issued to Fresno County Department of Public Works on 10/18/1974 to replace highway bridge across Fresno Slough on Excelsior Avenue, southwest of Riverdale.

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

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (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. In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (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. Also, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (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 healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

3/27/2026

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.