

**Notice of Exemption**

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**TO:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022010387

**Project Title:** Permit No. 16293-1 – Natomas Cross Canal Channel Enhancement and Levee Berm Project/ E.D. Willey & Sons Pump Facilities and Fish Screen

**Project Applicant/Person Carrying Out Project:** E.D. Willey & Sons, 1285 Sankey Road, Nicolaus, CA 95659, Steve@edwilleyandsons.com; (530) 682-7832

**Project Location:** The Project is located on the right bank of the Natomas Cross Canal, Reclamation District 1001, Sutter County (38.8161221°N ,121.554634°W)

**Project Description:** To install a new pump intake structure and fish screen at the intake end of the existing 24-inch irrigation pipe. The existing pumping plant and 24-inch pipe were authorized under Permit No. 16293. This work is a part of the Natomas Cross Canal Channel Enhancement and Levee Berm Project (Permit No. 19699)

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

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption: Sections 15301, 15302, and 15303

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined that 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. The Board has determined that the Project is also 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. The Board has determined that the Project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303), because the activity consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in 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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.