

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 20006 – Laton-Kingston Park Improvement Project

Project Applicant/Agency Carrying Out Project: Fresno County, Christian Montoya, Planner; 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 600, Fresno, CA 93721; chmontoya@fresnocountyca.gov; (559) 600-0522

Project Location: The project is located within Kings River Park on the north (right) bank of Kings River, west of Fowler Avenue, in the unincorporated community of Laton, at 36.427719°N 119.690281°W, Kings River, maintained by Kings River Conservation District (KRCDD), Fresno County.

Project Description: To replace two existing shelter structures and construct three new prefabricated steel-frame shelter structures, consisting of two 30-foot-wide by 50-foot-long shelters and one 30-foot-wide by 40-foot-long shelter, each approximately 13.4 feet tall, with metal roofing and anchored to 2.5 foot-diameter, 4.8 -foot-deep concrete footings and 6-inch-thick reinforced concrete slabs; install two playground structures over 4-inch-thick reinforced concrete slabs, anchored to 18-inch-diameter, 30-inch-deep post footings, with rubber playground tile and 6-inch-wide reinforced concrete perimeter curbs; improve the existing parking lot and parking stalls to achieve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance; construct new and replace existing non-ADA-compliant asphalt or concrete pathways; and replace existing and install new picnic tables, barbeque grills, and park benches as part of the Laton-Kingston Park Improvement Project.

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

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301, 15302, 15303, 15311

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 project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302). The project qualifies for this exemption because it involves because the activity consists of replacement or reconstruction of two existing shelters, replacement of existing concrete paths and parking lots to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), picnic tables in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Additionally, the project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303). The project qualifies for this exemption because it involves the construction of three small shelters and associated concrete pads; installation of one playground structure; benches, picnic tables, barbecue grills; and installation of electrical conduits in to serve the new and replaced structures. Finally, the project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 11 (Accessory Structures) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15311). The project qualifies for this exemption because it involves construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities, at publicly owned parks or other facilities designed for public 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

10/6/2026

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.