

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 19992 – Water Main Pipeline Project

Project Applicant: City of Madera

Project Location: The project is located approximately 250 feet east of the North Gateway Drive bridge and 100 feet east of the Union Pacific Railroad bridge crossing under the Fresno River in the City of Madera, Madera County.

Project Description: To authorize an existing 16-inch-diameter cast-iron water main pipeline, constructed in 1962 prior to the adoption of the flood control plan in 1970, which crosses beneath the Fresno River.

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

Lead Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: City of Madera, 428 Yosemite Ave, Madera, CA 93638, Gary Conte, Planning Manager, gconte@madera.gov; (559) 661-5433

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 is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA 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. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

9/24/2025

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency

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

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