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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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State Clearinghouse Number: 2024010412

Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2025082 – 03-1H170 North Sac 5 CapM Project

Project Applicant/Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 3

Project Location: The project is located on the right bank of the Steelhead Creek (a.k.a. Natoma East Main Drain Canal), within the American River Project Channel, and on the landside toe of the Reclamation District No. 1000 Unit No. 02 American River Levee with approximate coordinates of 38.60608°N, 121.50754°W.

Project Description: To remove and replace: (1) the existing pull boxes and detector handles; (2) curb, gutter, and asphalt necessary to remove and replace existing conduits and conductors with a trenching method at the landside levee toe; and (3) the pole mounted detection cameras. The traffic lights and associated electrical encroachments were installed when the twin bridges that cross the American River were constructed under Board Permit No. 5040, issued on September 3, 1965.

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

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: Caltrans District 3, Cara Lambirth; Senior Environmental Scientist; 5649 North Fork Way, Marysville, CA 95901; Tracy.Robinson@dot.ca.gov; (530) 741-4549

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, 15302, 15303, 15304

☐ 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. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA 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 project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (CEQA 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. The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA 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 CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 10/6/2025

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency