

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 20050-1 – Friant Kern Canal Turnout at Dry Creek Project

Project Applicant: Fresno Irrigation District; Adam Claes, Assistant General Manager; 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA, 93725; 559-233-7161; aclaes@fresnoirrigation.com

Lead Agency: Fresno Irrigation District; Laurence Kimura, Chief Engineer; 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA, 93725; 559-233-7161; lkimura@fresnoirrigation.com

Project Location: The project is located along the bank of the Friant-Kern Canal, approximately 13 miles northeast of the City of Fresno, at 36.870083°N 119.596172°W, Dry Creek, Fresno County.

Project Description: To construct a new concrete turnout structure along the bank of the Friant-Kern Canal (FKC) that would divert and deliver water from the FKC into Dry Creek via a 72-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipeline installed underground connected to a new concrete outlet structure with rip rap located on the bank of Dry Creek. To excavate and construct an open channel lined with rip rap to convey water flow to Dry Creek. This permit supplements and where in conflict supersedes the conditions in Permit No. 20050 that was issued to same permittee with the same project description.

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

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:
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined that issuance of Permit No. 20050-1 is a ministerial action pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(1) and California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15300.1, 15268, and 15369. The reissuance does not authorize a new project or any changes to the previously approved project activities. The action is limited to removal of a permit condition that was inadvertently included in the permit, and the Board has no discretionary authority to modify the project based on environmental considerations. Accordingly, issuance of Permit No. 20050-1 is exempt from CEQA, and the prior CEQA determination for Permit No. 20050 remains applicable.

Chris Lief

9/17/2026

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.