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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 19789 - Chowchilla Subbasin Recharge Project 1: Haynes Parcel

Project Applicant: Madera County

Project Location: The project site is located approximately 14 miles southwest of the City of Chowchilla, near the junction of Lincoln Road and Avenue 20, in Madera County.

Project Description: To construct a flow diversion structure (Haynes) along and under the right (east) bank levee of the Eastside Bypass for groundwater recharge. The structure consists of a 36-inch diameter rubber gasket reinforced concrete (RGRCP) conveyance pipeline, a 14-foot diameter fish screen, concrete cutoff wall, reinforced concrete control box, and a reinforced concrete pump box.

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

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: Madera County; Stephanie Anagnoson; Project Manager; 200 W. 4th Street, Suite 3100, Madera, CA, 93637; 559-598-0362; stephanie.anagnoson@maderacounty.com

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:
A state of emergency was proclaimed on March 28, 2022 by Governor Newsom to address the severe drought condition in California by suspending CEQA for the purposes of carrying out Executive Order N-7-22. The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15269(c), because the project involves the construction of a flow diversion structure for groundwater recharge and actions necessary to prevent or mitigate the drought emergency as described in Paragraph 13 of Executive Order N-7-22.

Chris Lief 12/17/2025

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency

Date Received for filing at the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.