

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2024120164

**Project Title:** Minor Alteration No. WA2025060 – Eastside Bypass Gauging Station

**Project Applicant:** Department of Water Resources (DWR)

**Project Location:** The facility is located on the left bank of the Eastside Bypass downstream where Fresno River and the Chowchilla Bypass intersect in Madera County (36.97532°N, 120.38206°W).

**Project Description:** To install: (1) a stream gauge on the left bank cement headwall of an existing concrete weir on which the existing gauge station is connected; and (2) a bubbler line to be encased by galvanized steel pipe and placed above ground, which will be fastened to the stream bank with a 3/8-inch rebar anchors and extending twenty feet into the channel.

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

**Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number:** DWR 691 N Laverne Ave, Fresno, CA, 93727; Steve Doe, Principal Engineer; 559-547-1159; steve.doe@water.ca.gov

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15306, 15304, 15303, and 15301

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306), because the activity consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project is also 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. In addition, the project is 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. Finally, 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. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

*Chris Lief*

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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.