

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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**Project Title:** Minor Alteration No. WA2026012--17 Temporary Fyke Fish Traps

**Project Applicant:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Project Location:** All locations are in the Sacramento River in Sutter and Yolo counties from Verona to Clarksburg.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish & Wildlife is requesting permission to extend the operation of temporary large wire fyke fish traps within Sacramento River to estimate and monitor the abundance of steelhead trout. There are seventeen trapping sites that are rotated throughout the trapping season based on migration patterns. Operation of the traps is currently authorized by the Board under WA2024230, which ends on June 30, 2026.

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

**Lead Agency//Person Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife; 980 Riverside Parkway, Suite 110, West Sacramento, CA 95605; Aaron Neely (916) 206-3143; aaron.neely@wildlife.ca.gov.

**Exempt Status:**

- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15301 and 15306
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined that 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 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.

	<i>Chris Lief</i>	3/25/2026
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.