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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 20021- Snake Marsh Restoration Project

Project Location: The proposed project is located within the Cosumnes River Designated Floodway, in the Arno Unit of the Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve in south Sacramento County, approximately five miles north of Galt, just west of the Arno Road and Highway 99 interchange (38.326072, -121.336592).

Project Description: The project proposes to restore approximately 343 acres of perennial freshwater marsh habitat as part of the Snake Marsh Wetland Restoration Project through the construction of two earthen berms and installation of two 18-inch High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipelines to convey irrigation water from an existing irrigation well to the marsh. The two pipelines, approximately 300 and 4,900 feet long, will be installed within 3.5-foot-deep trenches along existing access roads. The two berms will be approximately 1,750-foot and 750-foot long, 7-foot high, with 12-foot-wide crowns, 5:1 side slopes, and will include the installation of water control structures. The project also includes planting 35 native oak trees.

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

Project Applicant/Agency Carrying Out Project/Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: California Department of Fish & Wildlife; Sidney Fulford; Environmental Scientist; 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; Sidney.Fulford@wildlife.ca.gov; (916) 212-3062

Exempt Status:

☒ Statutory Exemption: Public Records Code (PRC) Section 21080.56

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The Board has determined that the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 21080.56 of the PRC, which exempts a project to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife meeting certain requirements. On December 20, 2023, the CDFW Director concurred with the determination that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in PRC Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive. Specifically, the CDFW Director concurs that the Project meets all of the following conditions: (1) the Project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (2) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's fundamental purpose; (3) the Project will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and (4) Project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration. Pursuant to PRC Section 21080.56, subdivision (g), CDFW has posted the Concurrence on CDFW's CEQA Notices and Documents webpage: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/CEQA.

Chris Lief 11/14/2025

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.