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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 19880 - Prentice Home Butte Basin Solar Array Project

Project Applicant: Steve & Lila Prentice

Project Location: The project is located at 9366 River Road, Chico, California 95928, within Area B of the Butte Basin, at 39.64383˚N 121.94546˚W, Butte Basin, Butte County.

Project Description: To install two ground-mounted photovoltaic systems located within the Butte Basin. Site 1, a residential ground mount, is located approximately 115 feet East of River Road. A 75-foot-long trench will be excavated for the conduit line to connect it to the home. Site 2, a commercial ground mount, is located approximately 1,985 feet East of River Road. A 60-foot-long trench will be excavated for the conduit line to connect it to the existing well pump.

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

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Steve & Lila Prentice

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. State type and section number: Sec. 15303 & 15304

☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The Board has determined that 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. 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. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 5/23/2025

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.