

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 19943 - Johnson Cosumnes Mitigation Bank Floodplain Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC

Project Location: The project is located at 8700 Twin Cities Road at the confluence of Laguna Creek and the Cosumnes River approximately 3 miles northwest of the City of Galt in south Sacramento County (38.2874, -121.38143).

Project Description: To construct a 204-acre mitigation bank, 200 acres of which qualify for mitigation bank credits, by selectively notching the existing agricultural berms along the Cosumnes River 'mainstem' and the Cosumnes River 'west branch' and constructing a series of shallow swales and secondary pilot channels to promote flow onto and across the floodplain for the development, restoration, and protection of wetland, riparian, and riverine habitat within the Cosumnes River floodway. The project also includes revegetation, re-distributing 30,200 cubic yards of native material to form an undulating floodplain surface, and placement of erosion control.

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

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC; Allegra Bukojemsky; Landscape Architect; 3636 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864; abukojemsky@westervelt.com; (415) 828-6584

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: Sacramento County; Julie Newton; Environmental Coordinator; 827 7th Street Room 225, Sacramento, CA 95814; newtonj@sacounty.gov; (916) 874-6141

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. State code number: 21080.56

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined that the Johnson Cosumnes Mitigation Bank Floodplain Restoration 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 May 23, 2025, the CDFW Director concurred with Sacramento County's determination that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in PRC Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive. Specifically, the CDFW Director concurred with Sacramento County that the Project meets all of conditions in PRC Section 21080.56 and is statutorily exempt. This concurrence is posted on the [CDFW SERP Concurrence website](#).

Chris Lief

9/11/2025

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency