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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2025068 – Pipe Replacement along Paradise Cut Project

Project Applicant: Dell'Osso Farms, LLC

Project Location: The project is located on the right bank of Paradise Cut at Levee Mile 1.51 in San Joaquin County (37.77417°N, 121.329928°W).

Project Description: To excavate and replace an existing 14-inch pipe in-kind, placing a minimum of two feet of cover from the pipe crown to the levee crown, backfilling and compacting the levee excavations with controlled low-strength material, and restoring the levee crown roadway to pre-project conditions. The work will also include removing an existing unpermitted temporary 10-inch plastic pipe that connects to and runs parallel with the existing 14-inch drainage pipe. The excavations will be backfilled and compacted in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Waters, Division 1 (Title 23) standards. The facilities were authorized by Board Permit 6403, issued on February 27, 1969.

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

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: MBK Engineers; Michael Moncrief; Professional Engineer; 455 University Avenue, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95825-6579; moncrief@mbkengineers.com; (916) 456-4400

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301, 15302, and 15304

☒ Statutory Exemption: Sec. 15282(k)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA. The Board's approval involves approving a minor alteration request for pipe replacement, which is exempt under CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15282(k) because the activity involves the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

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. Additionally, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Lastly, the project is 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 8/4/2025

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency