

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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**Project Title:** PL23063301 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Public Law 84-99 Emergency Repair of Maintenance Area 13 Unit 2 South - Cherokee Canal Left Bank Levee System Site 0633-01

**Project Location:** Site 0633-01 is located about 10 miles west of Gridley at Levee Mile (LM) 22.9 (start: 39.35709733, -121.8777042; end: 39.35687585, -121.8781689), in Butte County.

**Project Description:** To restore the site to pre-flood conditions, the recommended repair work consists of excavating with a slope of 1H:1V and reconstructing to a 2H:1V slope with appropriate levee fill material. The repair will also incorporate a 3-foot-deep and 8-foot-wide keyway for added protection. Material will be benched into the existing to provide a good interface. Precautions will be taken during compaction of the roadway crest to prevent water infiltration which could lead to the development of tension cracks along the edge.

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

**Agency Carrying Out Project:** USACE, Sacramento District; 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814; Jonathan Yau, Readiness Branch Chief, 916-557-6903, Jonathan.Yau@usace.army.mil

**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

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

A state of emergency was proclaimed on March 1, 2023 by Governor Newsom to address the storms that swept across California beginning in late February 2023. On March 8, 2023, the Governor issued a proclamation to include additional counties to the state of emergency. The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 15269 (a), Emergency Projects, because the project involves repair work to flood damaged levees in disaster-stricken areas caused by the storm events in which the state of emergency was proclaimed.

Chris Lief

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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.