

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

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**Project Title:** PL23090302 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Public Law 84-99 Emergency Repair of West Sacramento Levee System Site 0903-02

**Project Location:** Site 0903-02 is located on the east levee of the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel and the Yolo Bypass, north of the South Cross Levee where Jefferson Blvd crosses, and east of the Sacramento River south of West Sacramento, CA (start: 38.514178, -121.582115; end 38.511914, -121.581825), in Yolo County.

**Project Description:** To restore the site to pre-flood conditions, the recommended repair work consists of removing onsite organic material, excavating to a slope of 2H:1V approximately 3 feet below the failure plan, and reconstructing to a 2H:1V slope with appropriate levee fill material. The excavation was be benched and new fill material was keyed into the existing slope to confirm a good bond. Overhead utility and power lines along the landside slope and toe were removed and replaced or relocated to enable this construction.

**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](mailto: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 to exist throughout California by Governor Newsom on January 4, 2023, due to atmospheric storms that swept across California beginning in late December 2022. On March 1, March 8, March 12, March 14, and March 28, 2023, the Governor issued additional proclamations to include 47 counties to the state of emergency due to storms beginning in late February 2023. On April 20, 2023, the Governor issued a sixth Proclamation of a State of Emergency ordering the provisions of the previous State of Emergency Proclamations apply to an additional four counties, including Yolo County. 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.