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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley, 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(Address)

Project Title: BNSF 1086.900 Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant: BNSF

Project Location - Specific:
Ceres Main Canal at Santa Fe Avenue
Latitude 37.60874° and Longitude: -120.88448°

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Stanislaus County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The BNSF 1086.900 Bridge Replacement Project (Project) consists of the replacement of a rail bridge over Ceres Main Canal in Stanislaus County, California. A failing Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) timber box railroad bridge will be replaced by a steel liner bridge.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Water Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: BNSF

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- □ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- □ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- □ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15302, Replacement and Reconstruction
- □ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Olivia Ilsley Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 464-4673

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? □ Yes □ No

Signature: _____ Date: 9/24/2025 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency □ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____