

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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Project Title: State Maintenance Area 20—Horseshoe Levee System

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location: The proposed State Maintenance Area (MA) 20 consists of the Horseshoe Levee System located, approximately 14 miles southeast of Yuba City, seven miles west of the City of Wheatland, and is north of the Bear River and east of the Western Pacific Intercepting Canal (WPIC), in Yuba County

Project Description: To establish State Maintenance Area 20 levee system encompassing the elements of the Horseshoe levee system (Reclamation District (RD) 784 Units 5, 3b, and 6; and RD 817 Unit 6) as an authorized component of the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC).

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

Public Agency Carrying Out the Project: Board

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: Sec. 15320 Changes in Organization of Local Agencies
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined that the formation of State Maintenance Area 20 is exempt from CEQA under the Class 20, Changes in Organization of Local Agencies categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15320), because the activity consists of changes in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

9/26/2025

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.