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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:
Watt Avenue Access Levee/Waterline Repair

Control Number:
PLER2025-00104

Project Location:
American River Parkway levee at the Watt Avenue Access, approximately 294 feet north of La Riviera Drive and approximately 31 feet east of Watt Avenue, near the City of Sacramento, in unincorporated Sacramento County.

APN:
078-0013-006, 078-0013-004

Description of Project:
Sacramento County Regional Parks will repair an approximately 100-linear foot section of a waterline and levee at the Watt Avenue access of the American River Parkway. The broken waterline has eroded the levee underneath the asphalt resulting in a sink hole and closure of the Watt Avenue access. Construction will include excavating up to eight feet deep to repair (or replace if necessary) the existing waterline, then soil will be backfilled and compacted to standard levee specifications. An approximately 3,500 square foot patch of asphalt will be repaved. No vegetation is anticipated for removal to complete the repair activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:
Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.gov

Person or Agency Carrying out Project:
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Exempt Status:
Statutory Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15282 (k); PRC Section 21080.21

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300-15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15282 (k) consists of the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in PRC Section 21080.21, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length. Additionally, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 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 existing or former use. Subsection (b) includes existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The repair of the 100-linear foot section of a waterline is less than one mile in length and will be implemented at the same location as the existing and does not expand the existing use. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies?*

   The project exemption is not one of the above classes and this exception does not apply.

2. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

   The repair of the waterline and levee for the same purpose and capacity will not result in considerable cumulative impacts.

3. *Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?*

   There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway?*

   River Road/Highway 160 (from the Sacramento City Limits at the northern edge of Freeport to the southern tip of the Delta at Antioch Bridge) is a designated State Scenic Highway. The project is not located within the vicinity of this scenic highway.

5. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

   The project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

6. *Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?*

   The project site does not contain any historical resources.

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