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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2025118 – Irrigation Pipe Maintenance at RD 2064 Unit 2 LM 4.24 Project

Project Applicant: Reclamation District 2064

Project Location: The project is located at levee mile 4.2 in Unit 2 along the right bank of the Stanislaus River in San Joaquin County (37.695187°, -121.206121°).

Project Description: To replace the existing Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) pipeline and associated equipment in-kind. The new pipe material will be steel with poly wrapping. The construction activities will consist of removing the existing pipeline, installing a positive closure device on the waterside hinge, installing the new pipeline, backfilling around and under with Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM), and performing soil compaction and pipe leakage testing. Construction activities will require clearing and grubbing of existing vegetation in the work area and involve ground disturbance by heavy equipment and concrete trucks along the levee crown and slopes. The access road will be replaced in kind. Excavation to the levee will occur to a depth of 3.2 feet below the design water surface elevation and will be backfilled with approved fill or native material placed in 4 inch to 6 inch lifts and compacted to a relative compaction of 90% per ASTM D1557-91 in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Waters, Division 1, (Title 23) standards and pursuant to the maintenance authorizations as allowed in Standard Operations and Maintenance Manual (O&M SJR003).These encroachments are related to an existing pipeline that was initially permitted under Permit No. 19920.

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

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: Reclamation District 2064; Manuel Telles; Staff Engineer for RD 2064; 1490 Boulder Creek Ct., Manteca, CA 95336; manuel@jde-eng.com; (209) 328-1124

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301, 15302, 15304

☒ Statutory Exemption: Sec. 15282(k)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The Board has determined that the project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA. The Board's approval involves approving a minor alteration request for pipe replacement, which is exempt under CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15282(k) because the activity involves the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length. The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Additionally, the project is exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. And, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 11/5/2025

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency