

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 20041 – DWR Extreme Climate Telemetry Project Ground Monitoring GNSS CORS Monuments Project – Chowchilla Water District Site

Project Applicant/Lead Agency: Department of Water Resources; Ted Bedegrew, Senior Engineering Geologist; 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814; 916-425-4394; tad.bedegrew@water.ca.gov

Project Location: This project is located within the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District property at 36.774262, -120.2859065, Chowchilla Canal Bypass, Lower San Joaquin Levee District, Madera County.

Project Description: The project proposes to install, operate, and maintain a continuous Global Navigation Satellite System (cGNSS) consisting of two components, including the monument (receiver, antennae, brace legs), and its electrical appurtenances (equipment box and solar panels). A small, shallow, trench would be excavated for the buried electric cable that would stretch between the monument and equipment box. All equipment would be placed in an approximately 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet enclosure. A set of protective bollards would be placed around the perimeter of each of these components. The total height of the monument and antenna is about six feet.

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

Exempt Status:

- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption: Sections 15306, 15303, and 15304
- Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306), because the activity consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303), because the activity consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Finally, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

3/19/2026

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

- Signed by Public Agency
- Signed by Responsible Agency

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.