

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 20068 – Washington Road over Eastside Bypass Bridge (No. 39C0347) Authorize Existing Bridge

Project Applicant: Merced County

Project Location: The bridge is located along Washington Road, approximately 4 miles west of the intersection with California State Route 59 (37.1133844, -120.56336789), in Merced County.

Project Description: To authorize the existing Eastside Bypass Bridge (Bridge No. 39C0347) — a 24-span, 708-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, conventionally reinforced continuous concrete slab structure supported by two abutments and 23 four-column bents, with straight two-lane approaches approximately 11.5 feet wide — located on West Washington Road and constructed in 1965. The bridge is documented in the Lower San Joaquin River Flood Control Project O&M Manual for Levees, Irrigation and Drainage Structures, Cannels, and Miscellaneous Facilities Part I, As Built on Drawing B-5EIO-I, Sheet 33.

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

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: Merced County; Alvaro Buenrostro, Supervising Engineer; 715 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Merced, CA 95340, Alvaro.Buenrostro@countyofmerced.com; (209) 385-7601

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. 15301
- Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity 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 use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, no exceptions to the exemption in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

5/13/2026

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.