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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2024103 – Riverside Park Amenities Flood Damage Repairs Project

Project Applicant: Kern County

Project Location: The project is located at Riverside Community Park in the City of Kernville, in Kern County (35.75317, -118.42467).

Project Description: To repair amenities of the Riverside Park, located in Board Designated Floodway of Kern River. The construction activities will consist of replacing the existing picnic tables, benches, a BBQ, play sand, safety play surfaces, signposts, concrete walkway and slab, a swing set, exercise equipment, electrical outlets, and turf and irrigation system. A wooden shed which housed an irrigation pump was damaged and removed, and a stand-alone pump with a smaller cross-section will be installed at a higher elevation in its place. Existing visible irrigation components will be removed and disposed of by county representatives. Underground pipes and irrigation components shall be abandoned in place. Existing play sand will be removed and retained for turf preparation. New uncompacted play sand will be added to the play area. If possible, existing exercise equipment will be disassembled, washed, coated, lubricated, and reassembled. The existing four-inch sewer will be cleaned out. The backflow preventer will be inspected, cleaned, and re-certified. Signposts will be backfilled with undisturbed adjacent material.

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

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: Kern County; Art Chianello, Project Manager; 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bakersfield, CA, 93301; 661-868-3020; chianelloa@kerncounty.com

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sections 15302, 15301, and 15304

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

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. The project is also 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, 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. Finally, the project is exempt from CEQA under 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, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 1/22/2026

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency