

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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**Project Title:** Permit No. 20053 –Caltrans Western Pacific Interceptor Canal Project 03-3G780 Culvert at Highway 70

**Project Applicant/Lead Agency:** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 3 (Marysville) CVFPB/408 Liaison; 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901; jason.mcomber@dot.ca.gov; (530) 821-3944

**Project Location:** The project is located beneath Highway 70 at Postmile 9.59. (39.106152°N, 121.55393°W).

**Project Description:** To authorize an existing 84-inch-diameter, 214-foot-long reinforced concrete pipe culvert under Highway 70 within the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal (WCIP) as shown in December 5, 1955 'as-constructed drawing' (page 29 of 52) by the California Department of Transportation. The culvert was installed prior to the adoption of the WCIP as a regulated stream.

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

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301
- Statutory Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined that 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.

The Board has determined that an application to change the name of the permittee does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and thus, is not a "project" for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21065; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15378(a)).

*Chris Lief*

3/17/2026

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.