

**Notice of Exemption**

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**TO:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 20046 – To Authorize Existing Riverside Park Amenities

**Project Applicant:** Kern County; Art Chianello, Project Manager; 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bakersfield, CA, 93301; 661-868-3020; ChianelloA@kerncounty.com

**Project Location:** Riverside Park is a Kern County community park, constructed before the Kern River Designated Floodway became part of the Adopted Plan of Flood Control, located in Kernville, California. The Kern River runs adjacent to the park, at 35.75317°N 118.42467°W, Kern River, Kern County.

**Project Description:** To authorize the existing Riverside Park facilities including concrete walkways, picnic tables, benches, barbecue grills, signs, irrigation system, basketball courts, play structure, exercise equipment, restrooms, a kayak launch area, play sand and safety play surfaces, irrigation intake pump, electrical vault, electrical service meter, diversion box, and a 1500-gallon septic system within the Kern River Designated Floodway.

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

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

**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: Section 15301
- Statutory Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined 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, none of the exceptions to the exemption in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

*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.