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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026085 – California Stream Gage Improvement Program: North Fork Feather River at Collins Diversion Project

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Project Location: The proposed project is located on the right bank of the North Fork Feather River just upstream of the Collins Diversion and approximately 800 feet downstream of the North Fork Feather River Diversion Structure, located northwest of the city of Chester, in Plumas County (40°18'15.5"N, 121°15'34.5"W).

Project Description: To install a stream gage and a conduit. The stream gage will be a steel remote terminal unit that consists of a data logger, a bubbler unit, a battery, a solar panel, and satellite radio telemetry equipment. It will be mounted to steel mast posts with concrete footings. A two-inch rigid metal conduit will be secured to the streambank with metal stakes, and a bubbler line will be run through the conduit that terminates at the toe of the channel. A fiberglass staff gage will be bolted to a piece of steel angle iron that will be pounded approximately three feet deep into the streambed. All excavated soil will be reused to backfill the concrete footings and conduit trench.

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

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sections 15304 and 15306

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
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. In addition, 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. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 7/14/2026

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.