

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026089 – California Stream Gage Improvement Program: Big Chico Creek Headgates Structure Project

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Project Location: The proposed stream gage will be bolted to the existing steel handrailing on the upstream side of the Big Chico Creek Headgates structure for Big Chico Creek in Chico, in Butte County (39°45'38.7"N, 121°47'37.2"W).

Project Description: To install a stream gage. The stream gage will be a steel remote terminal unit that consists of a data logger, a radar sensor unit, a battery, a solar panel, and satellite radio telemetry equipment. Because it will be mounted to the existing handrail and the water level measurement is contactless (radar sensor), there will be no contact with the water.

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

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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.