

**Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19908 – Main Drain Canal Bridge (BR. 50-0028) Project

**Project Applicant/Lead Agency:** California Department of Transportation, Ramon Lopez-Maciel, Senior Transportation Engineer, 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726, [Ramon.Lopez-Maciel@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Ramon.Lopez-Maciel@dot.ca.gov), (559) 606-6407

**Project Location:** The project is located on State Route 46, where the highway passes over the Main Drain Canal in Kern County at approximate coordinates 35.616032°N, 119.615901°W.

**Project Description:** To authorize the existing bridge on State Route 46 that passes over the Main Drain Canal.

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

**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: 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 permitting of existing public bridge. 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.

	<i>Chris Lief</i>	4/14/2026
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.