

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 20067 – Souza Replacement RCP Pipe Project

Project Applicant: Steve & Anita Souza Revocable Living Trust

Project Location: The project is located at Levee Mile 0.57 of Reclamation District 2031, Elliot Unit No.1 on the Stanislaus River southwest of Ripon, CA., at 37.7033°N 121.1598°W, Stanislaus River, Stanislaus County.

Project Description: To authorize an existing 15-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) irrigation pipe through the levee, a 15-inch slide gate in a 36-inch CMP manhole riser on waterward slope with a security cover and to remove and replace approximately 400 feet of 15-inch reinforced concrete pipe below grade on the waterside berm and a flap gate on the south bank of the Stanislaus River. The 15-inch pipe was previously authorized in USACE Operations and Maintenance Manual Unit No. 4, San Joaquin & Stanislaus Tributary project, Page 5; and USACE As-Builts Drawing No. 07-04-1666, Sheet No. 55.4 (station 34+00) .

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

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Steve & Anita Souza Revocable Living Trust

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption: Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304
- Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

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. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Finally, 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. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

	<i>Chris Lief</i>	5/15/2026
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.