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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026047 – Ryer Island Discharge Pipe Replacement Project

Project Applicant/Lead Agency: Hamilton Montezuma Properties LLC; Richard Hamilton, Project Manager; 8327 Montezuma Hills, CA, 94571; hamiltonbrosfarm@frontier.com; (707) 249-8650

Project Location: The proposed project is located on the right bank of Steamboat Slough at levee mile 0.39 on Ryer Island Unit No. 01 Steamboat Slough levee, in Solano County (38°14'57.2"N, 121°36'11.2"W).

Project Description: To replace a section of PVC irrigation distribution pipe with a new 66 foot long and 18-inch diameter PVC pipe. The irrigation pipe being repaired is located approximately 20-feet from the landside levee toe within an SSJDD easement landward of the standpipe used for distribution. A flexible coupler and concrete collar will be poured to transition from the steel to plastic pipe. Depth and elevation will remain the same. Backfill will be existing native soil. Repair will start from 20 feet from the toe of the levee and continue landward to the irrigation ditch. No maintenance will be done on the pipe going through the levee. The discharge pipe is authorized under Permit 948-1.

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: Sections 15302 and 15301

☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The project is 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. In addition, 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 6/5/2026

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.