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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026104 – RD2091 Chase DMP Pipe Removals Project

Project Applicant/ Lead Agency/ Agency Carrying Out Project: Reclamation District 2091, Scott Cole; District President; 2930 Geer Road, PMB 144-B, Turlock, CA 95382; district2091@gmail.com; (209) 606-5143

Project Location: The project is located on the right bank of the San Joaquin River through RD2091 Unit No. 1 San Joaquin River Levee and RD2091 Unit No. 2 San Joaquin River Levee in Stanislaus County.

Site	DSID	Diameter (in)	Levee Mile	Latitude (°N)	Longitude (°W)	Levee
1	23155	24	0.079	37.541970	121.093980	Unit No. 1 San Joaquin River
2	23156	24	0.100	37.542030	121.094370	Unit No. 1 San Joaquin River
3	23157	24	0.135	37.541918	121.094983	Unit No. 1 San Joaquin River
4	23158	24	0.237	37.541564	121.096792	Unit No. 1 San Joaquin River
5	23160	24	0.402	37.540936	121.099600	Unit No. 1 San Joaquin River
6	23161	24	0.634	37.541220	121.103880	Unit No. 1 San Joaquin River
7	23175	24	0.021	37.482450	121.051220	Unit No. 2 San Joaquin River

Project Description: To remove the seven existing 24-inch corrugated metal pipes and their associated appurtenant structures. The removal will extend to a minimum of 15 feet beyond the landside levee toe. Remaining pipe segments beyond the levee easement will be left in place and plugged with concrete. Pipe locations will be verified through exploratory potholing along an assumed perpendicular alignment, up to 25 feet on either side of the staked locations. The levee will be restored to pre-construction conditions. The backfill and compaction will conform to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Waters, Division 1 (Title 23), Section 120 – Levees standards. The levee slopes will be reseeded with approved native grasses.

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

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301 & 15304

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined that the project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301). The project qualifies for this exemption because it is limited to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of an existing facility and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Board has determined that the project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304). The project qualifies for this exemption because it involves minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The Board further finds that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 9/1/2026

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.