

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026108 – Utility Installation for Natomas Power Project

Project Applicant: Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, Brett Gray; General Manager; 2601 W. Elkhorn Blvd, Rio Linda, CA 95673; bgray@natomaswater.com; (916) 419-5936

Project Location: The project is located on the Reclamation District No. 1000 (RD 1000) Unit No. 01 Sacramento River left bank levee, Levee Mile 0.21, at 38.77805°N, 121.60118°W, in Sutter County.

Project Description: To install a temporary utility pole, overhead power and fiber optic line crossing, and associated underground conduits as part of the larger solar farm project that will connect to the Sankey Diversion facilities permitted by Board Permit No. 18491. The scope of work includes installing (1) the temporary utility pole, set to a depth of 12 feet and backfilled with controlled low-strength material (CLSM), on the waterside of the levee, (2) approximately 80 linear feet of underground conduit from the utility pole to the existing control building at a depth of approximately four feet and backfilled with CLSM, and (3) an overhead power and fiber optic line that crosses the levee crown with a minimum vertical clearance of 25 feet. The base of the temporary utility pole sits above both the 100-year and 200-year water surface elevation. The pole will be set within the prism of the original waterside levee as originally constructed with the original federal project; the temporary pole and utility trenches will be backfilled according to Title 23 standards. All aerial clearance for overhead lines, construction activities and placement of materials will comply with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Waters, Division 1 (Title 23) standards.

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

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15303 & 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 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303). The project qualifies for this exemption because it involves the construction or installation of small facilities or structures, consistent with this exemption. And, 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 and 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

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Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency