

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026118 – WCWD Pipe Work Project

Lead Agency/Project Applicant: Western Canal Water District, Craig Myers; Manager; PO Box 190, Richvale, CA 95974; craig@westerncanal.com; (530) 520-2519

Project Location: The project is located on the right bank of Butte Creek, LMA 05 Unit No. 02, approximately 20 yards north of the Western Canal siphon (39.56274, -121.82874), Butte County, CA.

Project Description: To finish abandonment of (1) noncompliant 60-inch drainpipe and to repair gate valve of (1) noncompliant 60-inch drainpipe both going through the federal levee. The first pipe needs to be completely slurry filled with flowable concrete per Title 23 § 124 (c). It was found to be partially filled before the project and currently requires complete abandonment per Title 23 § 124. (c). Formwork will be built against the exposed end and concrete flowed in until the concrete is above the top of pipe indicating complete fill has been achieved. The second pipe was originally installed with a gate valve; however, the valve is no longer there and so the pipe is out of compliance with Title 23 § 123 (c)(5) requiring a waterside closure device. A new gate valve will be installed in the same location as the prior valve. Corrosion protection will also be applied to the pipe.

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, 15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

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 project is also exempt from CEQA under 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, or minor conversion of an existing small structure, consistent with this exemption. 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 applies.

Chris Lief

10/8/2026

Signature	Chris Lief, Executive Officer	Date
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☒ 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.