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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026133 Wave Wash Repair on NA0010 Unit No. 5 East Side Bypass Project

Project Applicant/Agency Carrying Out Project: Lower San Joaquin Levee District, Shane Swartz, Manager; 11704 West Henry Miller Ave, Dos Palos, CA 93620; shane@lsjld.org; (559)400-2077

Project Location: The proposed project is located on the waterside of the right bank of the Eastside Bypass on the Unit No. 05 East Side Bypass Levee, starting at 37.1281°, -120.5854° and ending at 37.1666°, -120.6280°, between El Nido Road and Sandy Mush Road, in Stanislaus County.

Project Description: To repair approximately 4.2 miles of waterside slope erosion along the Eastside Bypass, consistent with the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual, Lower San Joaquin River Flood Control Project Part 1. The proposed work includes removing existing plastic, twine, sandbags, and stakes from the erosion area, excavating approximately level benches in the waterside slope of the levee, placing and compacting native and imported material on the benches, grading the compacted fill back to the original slope, placing riprap over the repair area, and resurfacing the levee patrol road used for the haul route with compacted aggregate base. The project will repair erosion of the waterside levee slope due to wave wash and restore the levee to its original function and geometry.

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

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301, 15302, 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 also determined that the project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302). The project qualifies for this exemption because it involves the replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure or facility that will be located on the same site as the structure or facility replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The Board has also 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 Chris Lief 10/21/2026

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.