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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2022133 - Sacramento Railyards Exploratory Geotechnical Borings

Project Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company

Project Location: The project is located along Jibboom Street, approximately 0.15 miles north of the intersection of I Street and Jibboom Street, at 501 Jibboom Street in Sacramento, Sacramento County (38.58806, -121.50456).

Project Description: To conduct exploratory borings up to a depth of 80 feet on both the waterside and landside of the left (east) bank levee of the Sacramento River. The total number of exploratory borings in the levee is 22, this includes 19 characterization borings and three geotechnical borings.

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

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad Company; Ricky Bradford; Principal Technical Consultant, Engineering with ERM; Walnut Creek; Ricky.Bradford@erm.com; (510) 375-2314

Lead Agency, Contact, Phone Number: City of Sacramento, Scott Johnson; Senior Planner; 300 Richards Blvd, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811; SRJohnson@cityofsacramento.org; (916) 808-5842

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. State type and section number: Sec. 15306 & 15304

☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306), because the activity consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 6/25/2025

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency

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