Notice of Exemption Appendix E

TO: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 **FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 170 Sacramento, CA 95821

Project Title: Yuba River Basin, California Project – Marysville Ring Levee (MRL Project) Exploratory Borings

Project Location/Address/City/County: The City of Marysville is located approximately 50 miles north of Sacramento, California in Yuba County. Marysville is surrounded by 7.5 miles of levee that protects it from the flooding of three water courses: the Yuba River to the south, Jack Slough to the north; and the Feather River to the west.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The objective of the project is to obtain soil data required for design level analysis of the MRL project. The proposed action will include exploration using sonic drilling methods with continuous sampling. Approximately 27 borings will be conducted and will be approximately 10 inches in diameter. Soil cores will be excavated to a depth of 150 feet. Excavated soil cores will be collected and removed from the site for testing. Upon completion of drilling, each boring will be grouted with cement-bentonite slurry.

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Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)	
Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	
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: 15304 Minor Alteration of Land; 15306 Information Collection ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed action is exempt as it includes only minor alterations of land, and data collected will be used to support the planning and engineering design (14 CCR§15304, 14 CCR§15306). The subsurface data collection	
will not result in any significant impacts to environmental resources. All bore holes will be backfilled and restored to pre-boring conditions.	
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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:	May 6, 2021
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