## **Notice of Exemption**

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: Permit No. 19659: Authorize Existing Mud Slough Bridge

Project Applicant (if any): California Department of Transportation

**Project Location/Address/City/County**: The bridge is located where State Route 140 crosses the North Branch of Mud Slough, approximately 5.2 miles northeast of the town of Gustine in Merced County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project**: To authorize an existing 113 feet long, 40 feet wide single span reinforced concrete bridge across the North Branch of Mud Slough.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

## 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: <u>§ 15301 Existing Facilities</u>
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Board staff has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301), because the activity consists of permitting an existing facility or structure, the North Branch Mud Slough Bridge. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.