

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Central Valley Flood Protection Board
3310 El Camino Ave, Suite 170
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Project Title: American River Watershed Common Features 2016– Geotechnical Borings

Project Applicant: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

Project Location – Specific: Approximately 60 locations along the Sacramento River east levee between the Sacramento-American River confluence and the Freeport Bridge. Most proposed borings are located on the levee crest, except for approximately 10 borings located on residential streets and parking lots and approximately 6 borings on private land in Freeport, California. The exact number and location of borings will be decided in the field based on site specific conditions. Aside from borings on the levee crest, approximately 10 borings in total will occur on public roadways as follows: 1 boring near Santa Buena Way near 6th Ave, 1 boring on Riverside Blvd near Sutterville Road, 2 borings near Piedmont Drive, 3 borings on Clipper Way west of Riverton Way, 1 boring on Portinao Circle, 1 boring on Country River Way, 1 boring near El Douro Drive, and 1 boring near El Vado Court.

Project Location – City: Sacramento Project Location – County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Central Valley Flood Protection Board will conduct exploratory soil sampling at planned levee improvement sites along the Sacramento River east levee as part of American River Watershed Common Features 2016. The purpose of the work is to inform the design of future levee improvements. Geotechnical borings will be conducted using a split spoon sampler with continuous samples on 2.5 feet centers to a target of elevation -160 feet. Samples will be collected and placed into laboratory provided sample jars. Drill holes will be backfilled with a bentonite slurry. Sampling is expected to occur in phases, with the first phase beginning in April 2020 and the second phase beginning in May 2020.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304(f) Minor Alterations of Land
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of subsurface data collection and will not result in any significant impacts to the environment. Best Management Practices will be utilized to avoid impacts to the environment. There would be no in water work. Woody vegetation will not be affected. The work would not impact state or federally listed species. Pre-construction nesting bird surveys would be conducted prior to drilling activities, and a suitable construction-free buffer would be established around any active nest. A qualified archeological monitor would be present during all drilling activities. Borings would be backfilled upon completion and the sites would be restored to pre-project conditions.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David Martasian Area Code/Telephone: (916) 574-1442

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Leslie Gallagher Date: 4/17/2020 Title: Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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