Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research From: Central Valley Flood Protection Board P.O. Box 3044. Room 113 3310 El Camino Avenue. Suite 170 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95821 Project Title: Permit No. 19507: Authorize Existing 22nd Avenue Bridge Project Applicant (if any): Kings County Department of Public Works Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located approximately 4.5 miles northwest from Lemoore, where 22nd Ave crosses Clarks Fork of the Kings River. Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To authorize the existing 22nd Ave. bridge. The bridge is comprised of nine continuous reinforced concrete slab spans supported on eight piers and by two abutments. Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project Kings County Department of Public Works **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)); \boxtimes Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301: Existing Facilities Statutory Exemption. State code number: Reason Why Project is Exempt: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301), because the activity involves the permitting of an existing bridge. The bridge has been in place since 1954; thus, it was constructed prior to CEQA which was enacted in 1970. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply. Lead Agency Contact Person: Jennifer Stewart Area Code/Telephone/Email: (916) 574-1719 or Jennifer.Stewart@cvflood.ca.gov 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 7/24/2020 Signature: <u>Uslic M. Gallaguer</u>

Signed by Lead Agency Date: Title: **Executive Officer** □Signed by Applicant ☐Signed by Responsible Agency Date Received for filing at OPR:

Appendix E