Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research State ClearinghouseP.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. 19531: Union Pacific Railroad – Valley Subdivision Milepost 203.65 Bridge Replacement Project

Project Applicant (if any): Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located where the existing UPRR line spans Deer Creek, approximately 2.5-miles upstream of the confluence with the Sacramento River and approximately 0.5-miles north of the community of Vina, in Tehama County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To replace an existing single-track, 3-span, 180foot long, deck plate girder open deck bridge on steel cylinder piers and stone abutments with a single-track, 4span, 252-foot long bridge. The new bridge will consist of three 69-foot beam span (BM) ballast deck-bridge girders, and one 45-foot pre-stressed concrete box (PCB) girder span on drilled shafts bents with concrete bent caps. The abutments will be supported by steel H-piles with riprap for erosion control. For access and construction purposes, a temporary access route and two temporary work bridges, one on each side of the bridge, are proposed.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: UPRR

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));
- \Box Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- ☑ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: <u>§ 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction</u>

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15302), because the proposed activity consists of the removal and replacement of a UPRR bridge with substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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 Signed by Lead Agency
 Signed by Responsible Agency

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.