**Notice of Exemption** Appendix E TO: Office of Planning and Research FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board State Clearinghouse 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 170 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95821 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Project Title: Permit No. 19613: Line 103 Pipeline Realignment and Bridge Replacement Project Project Applicant (if any): Southern California Gas Company Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located approximately 2.3 miles southeast of the town of Tupman and 0.14 miles northeast of the intersection of Tupman Road and Skyline Road in Kern County. Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To construct a single span prefabricated steel truss pipe crossing bridge across Kern River - Outlet Canal. An existing 6-inch diameter natural gas pipe will be relocated to the new bridge which spans 160 feet long by 7 feet wide. Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Southern California Gas Company **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: §§ 15301 and 15302 ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: **Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2. Replacement and Reconstruction; and Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §§ 15302 and 15301), because the proposed activity consists of the removal and replacement of an existing pipe with substantially the same purpose and capacity with no expansion of an existing or former use. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply. CVFPB Contact Person: Jennifer Calles, (916) 480-5413

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Signed by Lead Agency □ Signed by Responsible Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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