Notice of Exemption Appendix E

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. 19656 - Flow Monitoring Stations Project

Project Applicant (if any): Yuba Water Agency

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project site is located from north to south between Levee Mile (LM) 2.6 (corresponding River Mile 2.64) and LM 0.27 (corresponding River Mile 0.32) along the Unit 4 Western Pacific Interceptor Canal right (west) levee, in Yuba County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To construct two flow monitoring stations within the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal and on the adjacent Reclamation District 784 (RD 784) right (west) levee. Each monitoring station will consist of 1) installation of a 2-foot-tall by 3-foot-wide by 3-foot-long reinforced concrete retaining wall at the waterside hinge with a 3-foot-wide by 3-foot-long by 6-inch-thick concrete slab atop the retained backfill. The slab will support a remote terminal unit (RTU) and a solar panel located near the crown of the RD 784 levee; 2) approximately 90 feet of 2-inch diameter conduit used to run the bubbler tubing from the RTU to the canal bank; and 3) an 8-foot staff gauge within the water channel.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Yuba Water Agency

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>§ 15304, 15306</u>
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304) because the proposed activity consists of installing a remote terminal unit near the crown of the levee, burying metal conduits, constructing concrete pads, and mounting 8-foot-tall staff gauges and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project is also exempt under the Class 6, Information Collection categorical exemption (CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15306) because the proposed activity consists of the installation of flow monitoring stations for data collection and does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA CCR, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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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.