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. 19645: UPRR Milepost 78.90 Bridge Replacement

Project Applicant (if any): Union Pacific Railroad

Project Location/Address/City/County: The bridge is located at Milepost 78.9 on the UPRR Fresno Subdivision, where it spans Mosher Slough, approximately 0.75 mile southwest of the intersection of Morada Lane and Holman Road in the City of Stockton, within Section 11, Township 02 North, Range 06 East, MDB&M. San Joaquin County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To replace the existing nine-span, 120-foot-long timber stringer single-track railroad bridge spanning Mosher Slough with a five-span, 150-foot-long prestressed concrete box bridge on driven steel H-Pile bents and abutments. Erosion control riprap will be placed at the abutments. A construction pad will be utilized in the floodway for the work activities.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad

Exempt Status:
□ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
□ 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>§ 15302,</u>

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Board staff has determined that the project is statutorily exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Board's approval involves issuing an encroachment permit for replacement of an existing railroad bridge that is related to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service of rail lines already in use, which is exempt under the statutory exemption of the Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a). In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines § 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:			June 24, 2022
Signature	Leslie M. Gall	agher, Executive Officer	Date
⊠ 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.