Notice of Exemption

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. 18229-1: Existing Waterside Pump Facilities Authorization and Name Change

Project Applicant (if any): Farmland Partners, Inc

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located on the right (west) bank levee of the Sacramento River, approximately 1.82 miles west of Interstate 5 and 0.35 miles south of Pocket Road in Clarksburg, Yolo County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To authorize the existing waterside elevated pump platform structure, catwalk, security gate, electrical conduit, and slope metal steps, the existing landside water valve, an approximately 9-foot long 8-inch diameter supply pipe connected to a booster pump within the Board's jurisdiction, and to install a positive-closure device on the waterside of the levee accessible during high water events. The pump, walkway, and electrical service were noted in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as-built drawing no. 50-04-2948, page 3 (station 182+00). This permit is also a "name change" permit and includes conditions that are consistent with the current flood control standards and policies of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. This permit supplements and where in conflict supersedes the conditions in Permit No. 18229 issued to Mr. Albert Martinelli on October 30, 2007, for the construction of a 16-inch-diameter steel irrigation pipe through the right (west) bank levee of the Sacramento River.

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

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Farmland Partners, LLC

Exempt Status:

□ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☑ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: <u>§ 15301, § 15303</u>

□ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons 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 proposed activity consists of authorizing existing facilities including waterside elevated pump platform structure, catwalk, security gate, electrical conduit, and slope metal steps, the existing landside water valve, an approximately 9-foot long 8-inch diameter supply pipe connected to a booster pump. The project is also exempt under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15303) because the proposed activity consists of the installation of a closure device on the levee. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply. Board staff has determined that an application to change the name of the permittee does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and thus, is not a "project" for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21065; CEQA Guidelines § 15378(a)).

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Signature	Sarah C. Backus, Executive Officer	Date

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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.