

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Executive Officer Delegation Report

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Number of Applications Scheduled: 5

Application Number: 10068-2

Applicant: Western Almonds LLC

Location Description: The project is located along Cranmore Road, approximately 2.2 miles southwest of the town of Robbins.

County: Sutter

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: This is a “name change” permit only and includes conditions that are consistent with current flood control standards and policies of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. This permit supplements Permit No. 10068-1 that was issued to Knights Landing Properties, LLC on February 14, 2018, to authorize removal of an existing 12-inch diameter steel pipe and replace it with a new 12-inch diameter 3/8-inch thick welded steel pipe that includes a positive closure and siphon breaker through the left (east) bank levee of the Sacramento River. To install a new 1-inch diameter electrical conduit through the levee and a new electrical panel for the existing pump station.

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 1500

CEQA Finding: 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)).

Application Number: 19465

Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Location Description: The project starts near the intersection of Railroad Dr. and Del Paso Blvd and continues south to where Lathrop Way is at the levee toe.

County: Sacramento

Stream: American River

Project Description: To construct the following components of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Evergreen Royal Oaks Feeder Extension Project. 1) authorizing three (3) existing wood poles situated within 15 feet of the landside levee toe (identified as poles 1, 2, and 3); 2) removing four (4) existing wood poles (identified as poles 4, 5, 6, and 7) and replacing pole #7 with one (1) 74 feet tall steel pole and replacing poles #5 and #6 with two (2) 90 feet tall steel poles. Pole #4 which was found to be in potential conflict with the future construction of improvements under the American River Flood Control Project (ARCF16) will be removed but not replaced. The line will be strung directly from existing pole #3 to new pole #5; 3) installing a new 74 feet tall steel pole (identified as pole #8) within 15 feet of the levee toe located 175 feet in-line with Pole #7; 4) reconducting the entire overhead line; and 5) installing approximately 1,375 feet of two (2) 6-inch-diameter underground conduits in trenches encasing 12 kV electrical lines and three (3) 4x6x3.5-foot concrete pull boxes (identified as pull boxes 9, 10, and 11) from the new Pole #8, parallel to the landside levee toe of the American River right (north) bank levee.

The proposed project also includes work outside of the federal project right of way from pull box #11 along Commerce Circle. This additional work is outside of the federal project right of way and does not require 408 permission.

LMA Endorsement: American River Flood Control District

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, and Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §15302 and §15303, respectively), because the activity consists of the removal and replacement of existing utility poles and overhead power lines, and the construction of a limited number of underground utilities and accessory utility equipment. In addition, the project qualifies under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15301), for the permitting/authorization of three existing poles. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Application Number: 19466

Applicant: AT&T California

Location Description: The project is located where Crows Landing Road crosses the San Joaquin River, approximately 4.1 miles northeast of the town of Crows Landing

County: Stanislaus

Stream: San Joaquin River

Project Description: To relocate existing AT&T overhead lines to the newly constructed Crows Landing Road Bridge, before the lines go into underground conduits. The proposed work involved excavating and placing two concrete sub-surface enclosures with hinged covers; and trenching and installing 4-inch diameter underground conduits on both the right (east) and the

left (West) banks of the San Joaquin River. Additionally, five (5) existing utility poles will be removed. This relocation is part of the Crows Landing Road Bridge replacement project, CVFPB Permit No. 19362

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 2063

CEQA Finding: The Board, as a responsible agency under CEQA, has reviewed the Crows Landing Road Bridge Project Draft and Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse No. 2013052050, May 2013), Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and Addendum to the Final

IS/MND (October 2019) prepared by the lead agency, Stanislaus County. The work proposed under encroachment Permit 19466 is covered by the IS/MND. Stanislaus County determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment and filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse on August 27, 2013, and the Stanislaus County Clerk/Recorder on August 13, 2013. Stanislaus County incorporated mandatory mitigation measures into the project plans to avoid or mitigate impacts. These mitigation measures, included in Stanislaus County's IS/MND and MMRP, address impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise. These mitigation measures are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of Stanislaus County and have been adopted by Stanislaus County. The IS/MND found less than significant impacts under hydrology for flood related impacts associated with the proposed project. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15096(f), Board staff considered Stanislaus County's IS/MND and Addendum to the Final IS/MND, which supports the Board's approval of encroachment Permit 19466 to authorize the proposed work which is within the Board's jurisdiction as it relates to effects on the federal-State facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control and adopted plans of flood control for regulated streams and designated floodways (State's flood control system). The Board, as a responsible agency, is responsible for mitigating or avoiding only the direct or indirect environmental effects of those parts of the project which it decides to approve (CEQA Guidelines § 15096(g); Public Resources Code § 21002.1(d)). Here, the Executive Officer's action is limited to approving an encroachment permit, and the Board's jurisdiction is limited to imposing conditions to mitigate or avoid impacts to the environment under its authority, specifically, the State's flood control system. According to the discussion within the IS/MND and Addendum to the Final IS/MND, the proposed work results in less than significant impacts related to flood risk. When considering the record as a whole, and in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15096(f) and (g), staff recommends that the Executive Officer make responsible agency findings that approval of encroachment Permit 19466 will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to flood risk. The project will not adversely impact the State's flood control system; therefore, no conditions or mitigation measures within the Board's jurisdiction is required. The documents, including project design, are available for review in hard copy at the Board and Stanislaus County's offices. These documents which constitute the administrative record of the Board are in the custody of the Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, 3310 El Camino Ave., Suite 170, Sacramento, California 95821.

Application Number: 19566

Applicant: Pacific Gas & Electric

Location Description: The project crosses over the Sacramento River and Unit 2 left bank levee of RD 341 at Sherman Island in both Solano and Sacramento Counties.

County: Sacramento

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: To remove the existing transmission line and replace it with the 230kV double-circuit transmission line aerial crossing over the Sacramento River and Unit 2 left bank levee of the Reclamation District (RD) 341. The project also includes the removal of the existing conductor from the existing lattice steel towers and the installation of a new conductor on the new towers installed parallel to the existing towers.

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 341

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, and Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §15301, §15302, and §15303). The proposed activity consists of minor alterations to an existing electrical transmission line crossing in order to increase vertical clearance of the transmission line. The new transmission line will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the transmission line being replaced (230kV), and the replacement crossing will be adjacent to the existing alignment. In addition, the project includes the construction and location of a limited number of new, small structures due to the removal of an existing conductor from the existing lattice steel towers, and the installation of a new conductor on the new towers installed parallel to the existing towers. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

Application Number: 2273-1

Applicant: Bullseye Farms LLC

Location Description: The project is located through the south levee of Putah Creek of the west section line of Section 25, T. 8N., R. 2E., M.D.B.M., Solano county

County: Solano

Stream: Putah Creek

Project Description: This is a "name change" permit only and includes conditions that are consistent with current flood control standards and policies of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. This permit supplements Permit No. 2273 that was issued to Peter Schoeningh on April 4, 1956, to authorize the installation of a 10-inch steel pipe through the south levee of Putah Creek, Solano County.

LMA Endorsement: Sacramento Maintenance Yard

CEQA Finding: 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)).