

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Executive Officer Delegation Report

Posting Date: April 13th, 2022

Meeting Date: April 22nd, 2022

Number of Applications Scheduled: 4

Application Number: 17130-1 (POSTED 04/8/2022)

Applicant: Level 3 Communication

Location Description: The project is located near SR126 Old River Road, Sacramento, CA 95605 between 38.613207°N -121.566291°W and 38.607493°N -121.560136°W

County: Yolo

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: To authorize new underground telecommunications facilities near and through the proposed Sac Bypass north levee, widened Sacramento Bypass, fish passage, as part of the Sac Weir widening project, a component of American River Common Features-2016 Project. The facilities will include one (1) 12" diameter steel casing conduit, 21 HDPE inner ducts (inner duct diameter varies from 1.25" to 1.50"), fiber optic cables, and trace wire. The proposed work will also include five manholes to be constructed for access to the cables. The total length of the project is 3,444 feet.

LMA Endorsement: Sacramento Maintenance Yard

CEQA Finding: The Board, as lead agency, certified the ARCF GRR Final EIS/EIR (SCH 2005072046) through Board Resolution 2016-04 including a Statement of Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP), and filed a Notice of Determination on June 9, 2016 approving the ARCF Project. Some elements of the Sacramento Weir Widening Project (passive weir design and fish passage structure) were not analyzed in the ARCF GRR Final EIS/EIR, because the project design had not yet been developed to a level to provide the specificity required for project implementation. To address project modifications and refinements since publication of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR, the USACE and Board prepared a joint Supplemental EIS/EIR for the Sacramento Weir Widening Project (SCH 2020070575). The Board, as lead agency, certified the Sacramento Weir Widening Supplemental EIS/EIR (SCH 2020070575) through Board Resolution 2021-07 Statement of Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP), and filed a Notice of Determination on August 30, 2021. The proposed installation of a communication conduit is covered by the Supplemental EIS/EIR, which was prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15178 incorporates the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR by reference. The Board's environmental analysis within the Final 2021 Supplemental EIS/EIR concluded that the installation of utilities would have a less-than significant impact on public utilities and service systems after incorporation of the mitigation measures included in the ARCF GRR Final EIS/EIR, and the Sacramento Weir Widening Supplemental EIS/EIR.

Board staff finds that Permit No.17130-1 described herein is consistent with the ARCF GRR Final EIS/EIR and the Sacramento Weir Widening Supplemental EIS/EIR and would result in no new adverse environmental impacts, and that no new mitigation measures are required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. These documents which constitute the administrative record of the Board in this matter are in the custody of the Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, 3310 El Camino Ave., Suite 170, Sacramento, California 95821.

Application Number: 19637 (POSTED 03/21/2022)

Applicant: SMUD

Location Description: The project is located along the Garden Highway beginning at approximately 100 feet north of Farm Road and ending at the east side of Gateway Oaks Drive.

County: Sacramento

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: To authorize fifty-four (54) new utility poles and nine (9) replace-in poles within the flood control right of way along the Sacramento River East Levee. The new utility poles will be along the Garden Highway levee alignment from Farm Road to Gateway Oaks Drive, west side of Garden Highway. The replace-in poles will be on the same Garden Highway levee alignment, on the east and west side of Garden Highway. This project is needed for the Natomas Basin Project.

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 1000

CEQA Finding: The Board, as a responsible agency under CEQA, has reviewed the Natomas Levee Improvement Program Phase 4a Landslide Improvements Project Environmental Impact Report (Phase 4a EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2009032097, November 2009), the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and Statement of Overriding Considerations, prepared by the lead agency, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). 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 Board'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. The Board previously approved construction of the NLIP Landslide Improvements Project on September 23, 2010 and made appropriate CEQA findings. The Board finds that the proposed relocation, replacement and addition of overhead electrical equipment is within the scope of the previously adopted Program EIR and therefore constitutes a subsequent activity to the EIR. The Board further finds that no new environmental effects could occur, and no new mitigation measures are required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15162. Therefore, no new environmental document is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15168. These documents, including project design, are available for review in hard copy at the Board and SAFCA's offices. These documents, which constitute the administrative record of the Board in this matter, are in the custody of the Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, 3310 El Camino Ave., Suite 170, Sacramento, California 95821.

Application Number: 19642

Applicant: City of Redding

Location Description: The project is located approximately 0.34 miles west of Matson/Mowder/Howe Community Garden and approximately 0.3 miles upstream of the Diestelhorst Bridge in the city of Redding, California.

County: Shasta

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: To install a new 3,000-kVA (3.0 megawatt (MW)) standby generator and a 24-hour, 5,000-gallon, double-walled, above ground integral subbase diesel fuel tank that will be installed on a concrete pad, measuring 48 feet by approximately 12 feet for a total area of 575 square feet, less than 100 feet east of Pump House 1. The generator will be anchored to the concrete pad in accordance with California Building Codes seismic requirements. Existing asphalt concrete in this area will be saw cut and removed. An additional approximately 600 square feet of concrete sidewalk will be installed along the north, west, and south sides of the generator pad, and 188 feet of 8-foot metal security fencing with vehicle and pedestrian gates will enclose the area.

LMA Endorsement: N/A

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301(b)) because the new backup generator and associated equipment will be installed at the existing facility used to provide electric power to the public. The project is also exempt under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15302 (c)) because the installation of the new standby generator and ancillary facilities will not expand the capacity of the existing facility. The project also is exempt under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (CEQA Guidelines § 15303(d) (e)) because the removal of existing asphalt concrete, and the construction of a new concrete pad is a minor modification of the project area to support the construction of the new standby generator and fuel tank to serve the existing Pump House facility. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

Application Number: 9461-1

Applicant: Sundeep Dale

Location Description: The project site is located 0.5 miles east of State Route 45 and 0.35 miles south of the Ram Road in Colusa

County: Colusa

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: To authorize existing landside and waterside access ramps perpendicular to the west levee of the Sacramento River in Maintenance Area 1 Unit 1 at Levee Mile 13.45 (Historic 13.74), a 36-inch corrugated metal pipe through the levee, slide gate on a concrete box on waterward end, pump on the bank at Levee Mile 13.47 (Historic 13.76). Ramps and pipe previously authorized under Permit No. 9461 Automatic Board Order (ABO) and noted in USACE Operations and Maintenance Manual Unit 137 Page 5 (station 710+82) and USACE As-Builts Dwg No. 50-04-2167 Sheet No. 2.

LMA Endorsement: Maintenance Area 1

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301), because the activity consists of permitting existing access ramps and pipe. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.