

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

## Executive Officer Delegation Report

Meeting Date: January 24, 2020

Number of Applications Scheduled: 4

### Application Number: 10389-A-1

Applicant: Empire Land Company, LLC

Location Description: The project is located along the left (east) bank of the Feather River, approximately 0.68 miles southwest of the intersection of Garden Highway and Lee Road in Nicolaus.

County: Sutter

Stream: Feather River

Project Description: To modify an existing pumping plant permitted under 10389-A by removing and replacing the existing 12-inch diameter pressurized water pipe and an existing 1-1/2-inch diameter electrical conduit with a 2-inch diameter electrical conduit. The project also involves installing a 5-foot x 5-foot vault housing, a new siphon breaker and butterfly valve. This permit is also a "name change" permit 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. 10389-A issued to Pluma Orchards on August 20, 1976, to replace the 30 HP Pump and 12-inch diameter pipe through the left bank levee of the Feather River.

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 1001

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement and Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15302) because the activity consists of the removal and replacement of an existing pumping station with substantially the same purpose and capacity. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

## Application Number: 19366

Applicant: Butte Creek Farms

Location Description: The project is located along the left (east) bank landside levee toe of the Sacramento River, approximately 0.75 miles from the intersection of Main Street and River Road in the City of Colusa.

County: Colusa

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: To authorize an existing 40-unit Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park located on the land side of the left (east) bank levee of the Sacramento River and within Area E of the Butte Basin. To authorize a 52-foot by 32-foot laundry and bathroom service structure with a concrete sidewalk, compacted fill between two existing levee ramps, a water well, a 10-foot by 12-foot shed covering the well equipment, 40 RV service pedestals and concrete pads for each RV unit, PVC conduit utility lines, sewer lines and a lift station pumping to an existing septic tank and leach field, and an existing 6-inch thick 35-foot by 20-foot reinforced concrete transition slab adjacent to Butte Slough Road at the eastern most ramp. To complete partially installed water service and irrigation lines; To install a 6-foot high chain link fence parallel to the land side levee toe, 14 light poles spaced within the park, 24 LED Bollard lights, and signs and road markings on the levee crown; To grade the project area and place 6 inches of gravel and construct 4-foot-wide concrete "V" ditch surface drains down the driving lanes of the park; To construct a trash dumpster enclosure, a concrete pad for a propane tank, and plant a fruitless mulberry tree next to each RV pad.

LMA Endorsement: Sutter Maintenance Yard

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities, and Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §15301 and §15303), because it involves the permitting of existing structures and facilities, and the construction of new small facilities and accessory structures at a 40-unit RV park. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply.

## Application Number: 19367

Applicant: Reclamation District No. 341- Sherman Island

Location Description: The project is located in Sherman Island approximately 7.8 miles south of the town of Rio Vista.

County: Sacramento

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: To install six (6) new inclinometers on the levee crest for the Sherman Island Levee Improvement Project for continue monitoring of the levee; and to abandon seven (7) existing inclinometers that are severely displaced and no longer function located in the land side slope and on the levee crest.

LMA Endorsement: N/A

CEQA Finding: The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), as a responsible agency under CEQA, has reviewed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (SCH Number: 2014052035, November 2014) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Sherman Island "Little Baja and Manzo Ranch" Fish Release Sites Project, prepared by the lead agency, the Department of Water Resources (DWR). These documents, including project design, are available for review in hard copy at the Board and DWR offices. DWR determined that the Sherman Island "Little Baja and Manzo Ranch" Fish Release Sites Project would not have a significant effect on the environment and filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse on November 12, 2014. DWR made revisions to the project and/or incorporated mandatory mitigation measures into the project plans to avoid or mitigate such impacts to a point where no significant adverse impacts will occur. These mitigation measures are included in DWR's IS/MND and address impacts to biological resources, air quality, hazards and hazardous materials. The mitigation measures are further described in DWR's adopted IS/MND. The Board, as a responsible agency, is responsible for mitigating and avoiding only the direct and indirect environmental effects of those parts of the project which it decides to carry out, finance, or approve (CEQA Guidelines § 15096(g); Public Resources Code § 21002.1(d)). The Board's responsibility under CEQA is limited to imposing conditions or mitigation related to effects on the State Plan of Flood Control. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15096, Board staff independently reviewed DWR's IS/MND, and finds the environmental documents prepared by the lead agency adequately address hydrology impacts, including potential flood risk, for the CVFPB Executive Officer's approval of Permit No. 19367 to authorize work to install new inclinometers, which is within the Board's responsibility as it relates to effects on the State's flood control system. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15096(f) and (g), staff recommends that the CVFPB Executive Officer make responsible agency findings that approval of Permit No. 19367 will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to flood risk. The project will not adversely impact the State Plan of Flood Control; therefore, no additional mitigation measures within the Board's jurisdiction are required.

**Application Number: 19468**

Applicant: James W. & Mary E. Becker

Location Description: The project is located approximately 1.9 miles upstream of the confluence of the Stanislaus River with the San Joaquin River, south east of the intersection of Division Road and Garden Avenue in Manteca

County: San Joaquin

Stream: Stanislaus River

Project Description: To authorize an existing drip irrigation system that consists of 6-inch diameter steel pipe sliplined through a larger 16-inch diameter steel pipe with the annular space grouted with concrete; a low volume high efficiency pump installed at the end of a 67-foot long walkway on the waterside of the levee; a 36-inch diameter stand pipe on the waterside shoulder, and a 36-inch diameter concrete stand pipe approximately 50-foot north of the 5-foot by 5-foot distribution box along the landside levee toe. The existing 16-inch diameter pipe is found in Lower San Joaquin River and Tributaries Project, Unit No. 3 North Levee of Stanislaus River Operations and Maintenance Manual, and As-built drawing No. 7-4-1685.

LMA Endorsement: N/A

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) categorical exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §15301 and §15302), because the project involves the replacement of existing facilities for a drip irrigation system. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.