

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Executive Officer Delegation Report

Posting Date: July, 10th 2025

Number of Applications Scheduled: 4

Application Number: 19964 (POSTED 7/25/2025)

Applicant: Aliso Water District

Location Description: The project is located approximately 30 miles northwest of the City of Fresno and approximately 0.75 mile west of the intersection of Avenue 6 and Road 16.

County: Madera

Stream: Chowchilla Canal Bypass

Project Description: To construct a new concrete groundwater recharge turnout structure on the Chowchilla Bypass east levee consisting of two 168-inch cone shaped fish screens surrounded by riprap within the floodway, a concrete control box with a sluice gate along the waterside levee slope, and a 72-inch diameter steel pipe through the levee to a landside pump station.

LMA Endorsement: Lower San Joaquin Levee District

CEQA Finding: A state of emergency was proclaimed on March 28, 2022 by Governor Newsom to address the severe drought conditions in California by suspending CEQA for the purposes of carrying out Executive Order N-7-22. The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15269(c), because the project involves the construction of a flow diversion structure for groundwater recharge and actions necessary to prevent or mitigate the drought emergency as described in Paragraph 13 of Executive Order N-7-22.

Application Number: 19687 (POSTED 7/16/2025)

Applicant: Liberty Island Holdings II, LLC

Location Description: The project is located approximately 3 miles southwest of the Courtland Road and Ryer Avenue Intersection, and about 6 miles west of the Town of Courtland in Yolo County, California.

County: Yolo

Stream: Yolo Bypass

Project Description: To create and enhance approximately 811 acres of habitat for Delta native fish species within the Yolo Bypass by lowering approximately 4,335 linear feet of two east-west drainage and irrigation berms along the northern edge of the bank to approximately 5.1 feet NAVD 88; to excavate three subtidal breaches and channels along the northernmost edge of the bank; to widen a previously existing breach to improve circulation and tidal connectivity; to lower an approximately 20-acre floodplain along the northern boundary of the bank to create a tidal emergent marsh; to remove a water control structure and culvert along the northern edge of the bank; to control invasive aquatic

weeds; and to revegetate, protect and enhance tule marsh and riparian habitat. This project is the second phase of the Liberty Island Conservation Bank project.

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 2093

CEQA Finding: As a responsible agency under CEQA, Board staff has reviewed the Northern Liberty Island Fish Conservation Bank Draft and the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (SCH No. 2010122078, February 2011), and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), prepared by the lead agency, Reclamation District 2093. Board staff has also reviewed the January 2022 CEQA memorandum and July 2025 updated CEQA summary memorandum were developed by RES due to updates to the project description, which found that the proposed project is substantially conformant with the project analysis in the IS/MND and reduces the originally identified potential impacts related to air quality and transportation and traffic. The proposed project is covered by the IS/MND. The Reclamation District 2093 determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and the Yolo County Clerk Recorder on February 10, 2011. The Reclamation District 2093 incorporated mandatory mitigation measures into the project plans to avoid or mitigate impacts. These mitigation measures, included in the Reclamation District 2093's IS/MND and MMRP, address impacts to air quality, biological resources, transportation, and hazards and hazardous materials. These mitigation measures are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of the Reclamation District 2093 and have been adopted by Reclamation District 2093. The IS/MND found less than significant impacts under hydrology for flood-related impacts associated with the proposed project.

In accordance with CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15096(f), Board staff considered the Reclamation District 2093 IS/MND, which supports the Board's approval of Permit No. 19687 to authorize work described in the project description which is within the Board's jurisdiction as it relates to effects on the federal-State facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, regulated streams, designated floodways, and easements (Adopted Plan of Flood Control). 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15096(g); Public Resources Code Section 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 Adopted Plan of Flood Control.

In addition to the discussion within the IS/MND related to flood risk, Board staff reviewed hydraulic analyses to determine if there will be flood impacts as a result of the project. The updated Flood Conveyance Assessment (August 2024) was prepared by CBEC found the proposed project will result in a flood conveyance benefit by lowering WSEs up to 0.1 ft along the east berm and up to 0.2 ft along the west berm as well as reducing Shag Slough flow velocities against a scour prone section of west levee via redirection of additional floodwaters through the agricultural berm degrades along the Stair Step into Liberty Island. Board staff has reviewed the hydraulic analyses, agree with the methodology and findings, and has determined that impacts to flood risk will be less than significant. When considering the record as a whole, including the hydraulic analyses, and in accordance with CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15096(f) and (g), staff recommends that the Executive Officer make responsible agency findings that approval of Permit No. 19687 will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to flood risk. The project will not adversely impact the

Adopted Plan of Flood Control; therefore, no conditions or mitigation measures within the Board's jurisdiction are required.

These documents, including project design, are available for review in hard copy at the Board and the Reclamation District 2093'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: 19715-1

Applicant: Michael Hat

Location Description: The project is located approximately 1.39 miles upstream of the city of Hood in Sacramento County, at 38.38497°N 121.51530°W, Maintenance Area 9, Sacramento River, Sacramento County.

County: Sacramento

Stream: Sacramento River

Project Description: This is a "name change" permit that includes conditions that are consistent with current flood control standards and policies of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. This permit supplements Permit No. 19715 EO that was issued to Constellation Brands US Operations Inc on April 27, 2023 to authorize the following: 130 feet of existing 8-inch diameter steel irrigation pipe crossing below the levee crown, a 1.5-inch diameter steel conduit electrical crossing below the levee crown, a 24-inch diameter concrete stand pipe at the landside levee toe, a 6-foot by 6-foot concrete sump, two service power poles on the landside, and a slant irrigation pump supported with 8-inch diameter steel piles on the waterside levee slope. These existing encroachments are pursuant to as-built Drawing 50-04-2983 Sheet No. 2983/18.1 and Supplement To Standard Operation and Maintenance Manual Sacramento River Flood Control Project Unit No. 111 East Levee of Sacramento River From Freeport to Walnut Grove, Section 2-02(a).

LMA Endorsement: Maintenance Area 9

CEQA Finding: The Board 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 (CEQA Public Resources Code Section 21065; CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15378(a)).

Application Number: 19919

Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Location Description: The project is located approximately 8 miles south of the City of Manteca and 0.3 miles from the intersection of South Kasson Road and Airport Way in San Joaquin County.

County: San Joaquin

Stream: San Joaquin River

Project Description: To replace the two failed Lattice Steel Poles (LSP) that are part of the Tesla-Salado-Manteca 115kV line with two river crossing special towers. The 115kV line runs adjacent to

Airport Drive and spans across the San Joaquin River. The project includes installing two anchors at tower A030/246, removing the five-pole temporary shoo-fly that was used as an emergency replacement, and establishing a staging area on the right RD 2085 levee.

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 2064

CEQA Finding: The Board has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.