

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Central Region
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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: CAD Rock Diversion Dams Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No.1600-2019-0014-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur at three (3) locations in and adjacent to the Merced River near the community of Snelling, in Merced County. The locations are related to the rock diversions to the Ditch 2 Cuneo Ditch, Ditch 4 Cook & Dale Ditch, and Ditch 6 Cowell Ditch.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0014-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Merced Irrigation District.

The Project involves activities related to one-time construction rock diversion dams in the Merced River at the heads of three existing diversion ditches. Dam installation will result in backing up water and guiding flow into the diversion ditches.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Merced Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the operation of existing diversion ditches. The Project is not intended to expand an existing facility use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0014-R4.

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