

**Notice of Exemption**

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

**Project Title:** East Side Canal – Embankment Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0165-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project will occur along the eastern side of a 1,000 foot section of the East Side Canal (Stream), approximately 0.5 miles south of the Greenhouse Road crossing of East Side Canal and approximately 10 miles southeast of State Route 165 and is accessible via private roads, Merced County, California; Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 12 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Turner Ranch, MDB & M; Latitude 37°13'15.15"N, Longitude 120°41'53.41"W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0165-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, East Side Canal and Irrigation Company.

The Project includes activities related to the removal of accumulated sediment along an approximately 1,000-foot section of the eastern bank of the East Side Canal (stream). The Project will also include the construction of an armored embankment along the section of stream to resist erosion when overtopped by floodwater and to restore vehicular passage along this section of the canal.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** The East Side Canal and Irrigation Company.

**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 related to the maintenance of an existing facility without resulting in an expansion of use. No significant environmental impacts will result if the Project is completed under the protective features included in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0165-R4.

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