

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: State Route 41 Stratford Kings River Bridge Geotechnical Investigation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0144-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur within the State Route 41 right-of-way, centered near post mile 32.26 near its intersection with the Kings River southwest of the community of Stratford in Kings County (Figure 1). Specifically, the Project involves two investigative geotechnical borings – one through the bridge deck in the northbound lane, and one through the roadway of the southbound lane, within the floodplain of the river approximately 100 feet from the bridge deck. All Project-related activities will occur from the roadway over and approaching the creek, near latitude 36.180131 / longitude -119.834626 in the east half of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M). The Project Area can be located on the Stratford, California 7.5-minute quadrangle United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map.

Project Description: The Project involves two (2) 150-foot deep exploratory geotechnical borings for the collection of data to be used in the design phase for the Stratford Kings River Bridge. One (1) boring will occur through the bridge deck into the riverbed, and one (1) will be bored through the roadway into the floodplain of the river. Both borings will be advanced using a truck-mounted drill rig employing the mud rotary punch-core drilling method. Soils data will be collected from the two (2) borings for use evaluating the density, strength, and liquefaction potential of the underlying soils

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. No significant environmental impacts will result if the Project is completed under the protective features included in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0144-R4.

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