

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Friant-Kern Canal Phase 3 Geotechnical Investigations (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0173-R4)

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located in Tulare County at two locations: 1) Deer Creek over the Friant-Kern Canal, in the NW ¼ of Section 31, Township 22S, Range 27E, 7.5 Minute Quad Ducor, MDB&M; Latitude 35.977850°, Longitude -119.106454°; Assessor's Parcel Number 302-240-011. 2) Approximately 220 feet east of the crossing of the White River over the Friant-Kern Canal, in the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 24S, Range 26E, 7.5 Minute Quad Delano East, MDB&M; Latitude 35.843587°, Longitude -119.160797°; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 338-160-006 and 338-160-007.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0173-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Friant Water Authority.

The Project involves activities related to geotechnical borings at two locations, to investigate the feasibility of upgrading the Friant-Kern Canal to counteract the effects of continuing subsidence.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Friant Water Authority

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project includes data collection activities to evaluate and develop future projects to upgrade the Friant-Kern Canal. No significant impacts will result if the Project is completed under the protective features included in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0173-R4.

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