

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: State Route 168 Prather Curve Correction Off-Site Mitigation Planting Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No.1600-2020-0172-R4).

Project Location: The Project will involve the installation of replacement plantings at as many as three locations with the Ruth McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve in Fresno County.

Project Description: The Project will involve the off-site installation of replacement plantings representing mitigation of impacts to mature vegetation associated with the FRE-168 Prather Curve Correction Project. Permittee will install 186 young trees at one of three, two of three, or all three locations designated Location No. 1, Location No. 2, and Location No. 3 by Permittee. Each location represents riparian areas associated with unnamed tributaries to Little Dry Creek, the stream impacted by the FRE-168 Prather Curve Correction Project.

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 4 (b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project will involve the installation of plantings and no removal of existing vegetation. No permanent impacts will result from the Project activities. The Project will not have significant environmental effects if it is completed under the protective measures contained in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0172-R4.

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