

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 2021 Emergency Drought Salinity Barrier Project (California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-041-03-A2 (ITP))

Project Location: The project is located at West False River, a tributary to the San Joaquin River, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 38.057057 N, Longitude 121.670432 W; Assessor’s Parcel Number 027-010-005-0.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed the Second Amendment for Incidental Take Permit number 2081-2021-041-03, pursuant Fish and Game Code § 2081 (b); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 783.2-783.8 to the California Department of Water Resources. The Amendment will extend the term of the ITP term for the specific purposes of completion of compensatory mitigation requirements and includes modifications to those requirements.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 21080(b)(3) and 15269(a), Governor’s Proclamation of State of Emergency, May 10, 2021
- Categorical Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: In an Emergency Proclamation issued May 10, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom directed Permittee to take actions, if necessary, to implement plans that address potential Delta salinity issues, including, among other things, the installation and removal of emergency drought salinity barriers. Paragraph 11 of the Proclamation suspended CEQA for purposes of carrying out this directive and other specified directives, stating specifically that this suspension applies to any actions taken by state agencies, as well as for any necessary permits or approvals required to complete these actions. Paragraph 11 of the May 10, 2021 Emergency Proclamation remains in effect.

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