

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: RD 403 Retaining Wall (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0445-R3)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Rough and Ready Island along the San Joaquin River, within levee stations 258+00 to 260+00, in the County of San Joaquin, State of California; Latitude 37.95, Longitude -121.336725.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0445-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Christopher H. Neudeck, Reclamation District No. 403.

The amendment adds 200 feet along the bank to the project area on the southern end of the previously permitted project. In the additional area, the project is limited to the removal of *Arundo donax* on the waterside levee slope, the installation of up to 200 feet of sheet wall to stabilize the levee to ensure safety to any residents at Rough and Ready Island. The engineered sheet wall may be installed between levee stations 258+00 and 260+00, where work will occur on the upper portion of the levee on the water side. The project site impacted consists of concrete hardscaping and non-native landscaping. Straw wattles or silt fences will be installed at the existing wood retaining wall to prevent sediment materials from entering watercourses.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Christopher H. Neudeck, Reclamation District No. 403

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Class 1, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: Project consists of maintenance of existing facilities.

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