

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Ruddle Ditch Rock Diversion Dam Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-25743-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur in the Merced River, at river mile 47.85 in the community of Snelling, Merced County, California; northeast ¼ of Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 14 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Snelling, MDBM; Latitude 37.517601 N, Longitude -120.43719 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MER-25743-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Ralph Fagundes.

The Project involves activities related to the one-time construction of two rock diversion dams in the Merced River at the head of the Ruddle Ditch. Dam installation will result in backing up water and guiding flow into the diversion ditch.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Ralph Fagundes

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the operation of an existing diversion ditch. The Project is not intended to expand an existing facility use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-25743-R4.

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