

Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Central Region
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710



Project Title: Tuolumne River Mainstem Channel Restoration Project Upstream of Old La Grange Bridge (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2024-0005-R4)

Project Location (Stanislaus County): The Project is located within and adjacent to the Tuolumne River, in the unincorporated community of La Grange, County of Stanislaus, California; centered at coordinates 37.665740, -120.460550; Sections 17, 18, and 20, Township 3 South, Range 14 East; U.S. Geological Survey Map La Grange; Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 008-042-005-000, 008-042-004-000, 008-042-009-000, 008-025-001-000, 008-025-007-000, 008-025-002-000, 008-024-081-000, 008-024-080-000, 008-024-034-000, and 008-024-033-000.

Project Description: On August 19, 2024, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued this Restoration Management Permit (RMP) pursuant to section 2081(a) of the Fish and Game Code to the Turlock Irrigation District. The Project is designed to restore the structural and functional integrity of aquatic, riparian, and upland habitat within the 88-acre Project Area. The Project is expected to benefit Crotch’s bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), referred to as the Covered Species, by producing suitable foraging, nesting, and overwintering habitat for the Covered Species. No more than 10 individuals will be captured and released for identification purposes. Crotch’s bumble bee individuals and a nest (no more than 400 individuals) may be inadvertently killed as a result of Covered Activities. CDFW has determined and expects the Project will benefit, aid in the conservation of, and assist in the recovery of the Covered Species. This notice is to advise that CDFW issued the above-described RMP on the date signed below.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Turlock Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

Reasons why project is exempt: CDFW has determined the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. CDFW’s determination is supported by (1) Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation’s August 24, 2022, initial determination as lead agency that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director’s [October 28, 2022 that SERP Concurrence was signed by CDFW Director], concurrence with the Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation’s determination, which is available at wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences.

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Signature:  Date: 8/19/2024

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date received for filing at OPR: _____