

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Smith Diversion Box Replacement (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-32911-R4).

Project Location (include county): The Project will occur in the Smith Irrigation Ditch (Smith Ditch) within the floodplain of the South Fork Kern River situated on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Canebrake Ecological Reserve, approximately 3 miles northeast of Onyx and 48 miles east-northeast of Bakersfield; northeastern Kern County; Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 35 East; USGS 7.5-Minute Quad Onyx, MDBM; Latitude 35.72050 N and Longitude -118.17820 W; Assessor’s Parcel Number 055-130-25-00-1.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-32911-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District.

The Project includes activities required to enhance water conveyance within Smith Ditch by removing an existing deteriorating wooden diversion box and installing a new precast concrete control structure. The control structure controls flow from Smith Ditch to Smith Ranch and back into the South Fork of the Kern River.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

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 the replacement of a deteriorating diversion box with a new concrete diversion box. The new structure will be located on the same site as the original box and will have the same purpose and capacity. No signification environmental impacts will occur if the Project is completed under the protective features of EPIMS-KER-32911-R4.

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