

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Los Banos Creek Management Activities (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. MER-18570-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project will occur at two sites that are divided into five zones, within Los Banos Creek, downstream of Los Banos Reservoir in western Merced County, approximately seven miles southwest of the City of Los Banos, California. Zones 1 through 4 are located immediately downstream of Los Banos Detention Dam in the NE ¼ of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 9 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Ortigalita Peak NW; Latitude 36.99332, Longitude -120.930023; Assessor's Parcel Number 088-0209-016. Zone 5 is located downstream of the California Aqueduct/San Luis Canal and upstream of Canyon Road, in the SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 10 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Volta MDB&M; Latitude 37.004039, Longitude -120.909741; Assessor's Parcel Number 088-070-034.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number MER-18570-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, California Department of Water Resources.

The Project involves activities related to one-time removal of vegetation and sediment that have accumulated, to allow improved and unimpeded flow; rip rap and gravel replacement and one new area of installation; and herbicide application to invasive plants and other vegetation that impedes flow.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

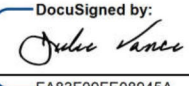
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Water Resources

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- 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 maintenance of existing facilities to maintain flood conveyance and prevent erosion. The Project will not result in expansion of current use and will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. MER-18570-R4.

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