

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Little Panoche Creek Maintenance Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. FRE-18506-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project will occur within Little Panoche Creek downstream of Little Panoche Dam and Reservoir in western Fresno County, 18.5 miles southwest of the City of Los Banos, California; in the SW ¼ of Section 20, Township 13 South, Range 11 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Laguna MDB&M; Latitude 36.783525, Longitude -120.795640; Assessor's Parcel Number 009-041-21ST.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number FRE-18506-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 to allow improved and unimpeded flow, replenishment of rip rap around two detention ponds, and gravel replenishment around structures downstream of Little Panoche Dam.

**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. 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. FRE-18506-R4.

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