

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Plainsburg-Arboleda Mitigation (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-MER-35733-R4)

**Project Location :** The Project is located adjacent to State Route 99 near the Le Grand Interchange at postmile 6.60, in the County of Merced, California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS MER-35733-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the California Department of Transportation.

The project would plant, irrigate and maintain 442 trees to address mitigation requirements. It would also install silhouettes of extinct Columbian mammoths to the Le Grand and Plainsburg freeway overpass fences.

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

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

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project consists of minor alterations to the land and does not involve removal of mature, scenic trees.

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