

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Turner Ditch Diversion Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-VEN-40148-R5).

Project Location (Ventura County): The Project is located within the Santa Clara River, adjacent to 16828 S. Mountain Road in the City of Santa Paula in Ventura County, State of California; Latitude 34.341528N, Longitude -119.066628W; Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) 107-0-140-47. The Brown Residence is located at APN 107-0-140-125.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-VEN-40148-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Richard Brown.

The Project is limited to the diversion of water via a pump and hose from Turner Ditch, a channel along the Santa Clara River which provides water to the surrounding agricultural areas. Channel maintenance, excavation, and vegetation removal are not included as part of the Project. The pump operates year-round and collects approximately 380 gallons per minute (18-acre-feet per year). The pump utilizes a fish screen at its inlet to prevent fish from entering the hose. The pump may become inoperable during times of extreme drought when the channel is absent of water. Any activities related to maintaining the hose and pump will be performed outside of the channel.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: RICHARD BROWN

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why Project is exempt: The Project is limited to the use of a pump and hose to divert water for agricultural purposes. Utilization of the pump will constitute a minor alteration to the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation and does not include vegetation removal or ground disturbance. The Project is exempt because it involves minor private alterations to land.

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