

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Chevron Station 2-22 Phase Area Soil Assessment Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KER-35539-R4)

Project Location (Kern County): The Project will occur at 1836 Mocal Road in the area of western Midway Valley, approximately 1.6 miles west of Highway 33, approximately 3.8 miles northwest of the unincorporated community of Fellows, and 8.3 miles northwest of the City of Taft; Section 22, Township 31 North, 22 West; USGS 7.5-Minute Quad Fellows, MDBM; centered at approximately Latitude 35.21708, Longitude - 119.59476; Assessor's Parcel Number 183-200-12-00-7.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-35539-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Chevron Production North America Exploration and Production.

The Project includes activities related to collection of soil samples drilled by hand augur from the streambed, to delineate polychlorinated biphenyl-impacted soils. The site will be accessed on foot from the northwest end of the Project site along a 405-foot long and two-foot wide trail through the stream. The access trail will not require trimming or removal of shrubs. Trimming of vegetation using hand tools will occur as needed to access drill hole locations.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

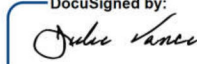
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Chevron Production North America Exploration and Production

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the collection of soil samples to identify polychlorinated biphenyl impacted soils within the stream for the purpose of data collection and research. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-35539-R4.

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