

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**

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**Project Title:** Medford Island Levee Maintenance Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SJN-40827-R3)

**Project Location (San Joaquin County):** Medford Island levee along the San Joaquin River, Middle River, and Columbia Cut.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SJN-40827, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Dante Nomellini, Jr representing Reclamation District 2041.

The project is limited to placement and furnishing of approximately 3,000 tons of 18-inch minus quarry stone rock along the waterside slope to address erosion created by the 2023 Emergency Storm Event. The project will be located at 11 sites. The total project length when combining the sites is 5,060 feet or 0.96 miles. New rip rap will only be placed above the mean high water (MHW) and above existing rip rap. A bench will be created with the existing rip rap, above MHW, to create a stable platform for the new rock to be placed on. Preparation of the waterside slope may require removal of ruderal weeds. There will be no in-water work and there will be no fill being placed on the waterside.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Dante Nomellini, Jr., Reclamation District 2041

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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