

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** Deer Creek Channel Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-26718-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project includes maintenance projects that will occur within Deer Creek, along 6.25 miles between Road 88 west to the Homeland Canal, approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the City of Alpaugh, Tulare County; Township 23 South, Range 23 East, Sections 13, 14, 15, and 24 and Township 23 South, Range 24 East, Sections 19, 20, 28, and 29; upstream Latitude 35.9059 and Longitude -119.3757 and downstream Latitude 35.9346 and Longitude -119.4729.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TUL-26718-R4 pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Deer Creek Storm Water District.

The Project consists of activities related to routine, annually reoccurring maintenance within a 76-acre total area along approximately 6.25 miles (33,000 linear feet) of bed and bank of Deer Creek. Maintenance activities include sediment removal, erosion repair, trash removal, and vegetation management.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Deer Creek Storm Water District

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project includes the maintenance of an existing facility used to provide public utility services with no expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-26718-R4.

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