## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

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Department of Fish and Wildlife 1701 Nimbus Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



**Project Title:** Temporary North Pump (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SJN-42956-R2)

**Project Location:** West bank of Mokelumne River, due east of parcel with addresses 20250 and 20550 N Tretheway Road, Acampo CA 95220; longitude: 38.16863, latitude: -121.17208.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number SJN-42956-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Joe Valente, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

The project is limited to the installation of an Intake Screens, Inc (ISI) conical fish screen (78 inches wide at bottom by 37.5 inches tall) in the bed of the Mokelumne River. The fish screen will be attached to a 14-inch High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) suction hose. The hose will extend along the bed of the river 100 feet to a set of two (2) small pumps on a skid trailer above the top of bank. A cable support to anchor the screen will attach to a concrete block on the bank north of the pumps. The temporary pump, HDPE pipe, and fish screen shall not remain on site longer than five (5) years from the signed date of this Agreement. No trees or riparian vegetation will be removed.

The project also includes the diversion of up to 4,000 acre-feet a year using the temporary pump.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

**Exempt Status:** 

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4: California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15304d.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 4 because the project consists of a minor and temporary alteration in the condition of the land and the project does not involve the removal of scenic trees.