## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

## From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 4 - Central Region 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710 RRR.R4@wildlife.ca.gov



**Project Title:** Geotech Investigation South Fork Merced River Bridge (EA 10-0X760) (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-MAR-44758-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project is located on the bridge over the confluence of the South Fork Merced River and Merced River on State Route 140 at Post Mile 43.22, approximately three miles east of the community of Incline in Mariposa County, California

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MAR-44758-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, California Department of Transportation.

The project involves two borehole drillings through a bridge and into the South Fork Merced River associated with a geotechnical investigation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves basic data collection which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource if completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MAR-44758-R4.

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