

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Saint John's River Sediment Removal for Rijlaarsdam Dairy Flood Protection (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-TUL-38928-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project is located within the Saint John's River, approximately 3.9 miles southeast of the community of Traver and approximately 5 miles northwest of the City of Visalia, Tulare County, California; south 1/2 of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 23 East and south 1/2 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 24 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Traver MDBM; from upstream point Latitude 36.415042, Longitude -119.413528 downstream to Latitude 36.415244, Longitude -119.430525; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 045-090-009, 048-140-009, 045-070-027, 045-060-018, and 045-060-017.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-38928-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Erik Rijlaarsdam.

The Project consists of activities related to the excavation and removal of accumulated sediment from 5,060 linear feet (0.96 miles) of the Saint John's River. The area of sediment removal will measure up to 100 feet wide and excavation will occur to a maximum depth of five feet. Work will occur over multiple years but each area of the stream will be excavated only once. Sediment removed from the site will be used on farm roads elsewhere on the property.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Erik Rijlaarsdam

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project includes activity to maintain the stream channel and flows for flood protection. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TUL-38928-R4.

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