

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Routine Maintenance of Landers and Nicoll Diversion Heads (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KER-41511-R4)

Project Location (Kern): The Project will occur at the Landers Diversion Head and Nicoll Diversion Head in the South Fork Kern River, near Doyle Ranch Road and Highway 178, north of the community of Onyx, Kern County, California.

Landers Diversion Head: The Landers Diversion Head is located 0.85 mile northwest of the community of Onyx; in the southwest quarter of Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 35 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Onyx, MDB & M; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 055-130-14-00-9; Latitude 35.703666, Longitude -118.211092.

Nicoll Diversion Head: The Nicoll Diversion Head is located 0.20 mile north of the community of Onyx; in the southeast corner of Section 4, Township 26 North, Range 35 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Onyx, MDB & M; APNs 321-020-43-00-1 and 321-040-03-01-0; Latitude 35.694934, Longitude -118.226372.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-41511-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Applicant, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District.

The Project includes routine, reoccurring maintenance activities to remove vegetation, accumulated sediment, and associated debris from the main, active channel of the South Fork Kern River, on the upstream side of two water diversion structures. A bypass channel will be excavated around each work area, a berm will be constructed from the spoils to direct flow, sediment will be removed around the diversion heads, and the sediment will be placed on the bank for removal offsite.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

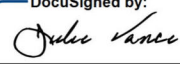
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

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 the continued maintenance of existing water conveyance structures and will not result in an 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-KER-41511-R4.

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