

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Poso Creek Levee Restoration Project (Extension of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0075-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located within a 1.6-mile length of Poso Creek, approximately seven miles north of State Route 46, 12 miles west of State Route 43, and 12.5 miles northwest of Wasco, in the San Joaquin Valley of northwestern Kern County, California (USGS Quad Lost Hills NE; PLSS Township 25 S, Range 22 E, Sections 25 and 36; Township 26 S, Range 23 E, Section 6).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an extension with changes to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0075-R4, issued to North West Kern Resource Conservation District.

The Agreement authorizes activities related to the repairs of levees along a 1.6-mile length of Poso Creek. Actions will include removing material from two borrow sites and filling erosions and blowouts ranging in size from one cubic yard to 862 cubic yards. The Project extends the Agreement expiration to December 1, 2029, and includes changes to address the California Endangered Species Act candidacy of western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*).

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

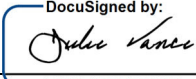
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: North West Kern Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project extends the term of the Agreement for activities related to the maintenance of an existing facility with no resulting expansion in use. No significant environmental impacts will result if the Project is completed under the protective features included in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0075-R4.

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