

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Reclamation District No. 1500
P.O. Box 96
Robbins, CA 95676

County Clerk
County of: Sutter
1160 Civic Center Blvd., Suite A
Yuba City, CA 95993

(Address)

Project Title: Routine Maintenance for the Calendar Year 2025

Project Applicant: Reclamation District No. 1500

Project Location - Specific:

Sacramento River Levees Unit 1 and Bypass levees Unit 2 as well as Canals, Drains, and Pumping Facilities

Project Location - City: Robbins, Sutter Basin Project Location - County: Sutter

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The program of routine maintenance includes, but is not limited to, all mowing, burning, vegetation pruning, fallen or hazardous tree removal, road grading, minor earthwork repairs and the placement of rock revetment on Reclamation District 1500's flood control levees, as well as any other similar activities that are needed to meet standards established by applicable law. Unit 1 The Sacramento River levee and unit 2 the Sutter Bypass levees are part of the federal Sacramento River Flood Control Project and have been turned over to Reclamation District 1500 for operation and maintenance. These levees protect residents, property, infrastructure, Crop Storage facilities. And habitat in the Sutter Basin area. In addition, the District undertakes the operation and maintenance of Canals, Drains and pumping plants in the Sutter Basin area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Reclamation District No. 1500

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Reclamation District No. 1500

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15061(b)(3), 15304(f), and 15262
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: (Sec. 15261)

Reasons why project is exempt:

15061(b)(3) - Under the common sense exemption that these excavations of previously disturbed soils and fill materials will not have any significant effect to the environment. Also statutory exemption for pre-CEQA ongoing projects.


15304(f) - This activity is consistent with minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

15262. Feasibility and Planning Studies. A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or negative declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Roger Cornwell, Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-565-5017

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 12/12/2024 Title: Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 01 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1500**

Upon motion duly made, and unanimously passed, it was:

RESOLVED, that the work described in the Reclamation District 1500's 2025 Flood Maintenance Program consists of routine levee maintenance to existing levee facilities and to drainage facilities and infrastructure and falls within the categorical exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Reclamation District 1500 performs routine maintenance on its existing infrastructure and facilities associated with the district's operations and responsibilities. These routine maintenances of facilities fall within the categorical exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all repair of erosion protection, all levee crown restoration, all Levee section restoration including adding material to back slopes, construction of toe berms and construction of seepage berms, drains and other measures to control seepage falls within the categorical exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act.

RESOLVED FURTHER that all the work described above falls within the categorical exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 (Class I) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, California Administrative Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the district finds the proposed work will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that said work does not constitute an exception to the exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Roger Cornwell General Manager, is hereby directed to prepare and file with the County Clerk of Sutter County for posting, a "Notice of Exemption" pursuant to California Administrative Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15061.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1500 on the 26th day of November.

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: 1



Mark Richter, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I, Roger Cornwell, General Manager/Secretary for Reclamation District No. 1500 (District) do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution which the Board of Trustees of the District unanimously adopted on October 26th, 2024

Executed on October 26th, 2024, in Robbins, California.



Roger Cornwell, General Manager