

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** South Delta Geotechnical Investigations (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SJN-48090-R3)

**Project Location):** The project is located at Middle River, Grant Line Canal, and Old River, tributaries to the San Joaquin River, in the County of San Joaquin, State of California; Latitude 37.885060, Longitude -121.482552; The Project occurs within a portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and consists of geotechnical investigations. The geotechnical investigation locations occur on portions of Old River and Grant Line-Fabian Bell Canal (Grant Line Canal) southeast of Clifton Court Forebay, and Middle River northeast of Clifton Court Forebay in western San Joaquin County; Assessor’s Parcel Number [189-250-340-000].

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SJN-48090-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

The Project includes up to 62 geotechnical soil borings and 12 cone penetration tests within five investigation locations on Old River, Grant Line-Fabian Bell Canal, and Middle River. Information gathered from this effort will be used to support the development of a future construction project.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** DWR

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4 & 6); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304 & 15306)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 4 because the project is a minor alteration to Old River, Middle River and Grant Line Canal and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Class 6 because the Project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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