

**Notice of Exemption**

- 1 -

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
For U.S. Mail:  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Central Region  
1234 East Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, California 93710

*Street Address:*  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** CAD Rock Diversion Dam – Cowell Ditch #2 Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No.1600-2019-0051-R4).

**Project Location:** The Project will occur in and adjacent to the Merced River, at river mile 35.2, approximately 7.4 miles southwest of the community of Snelling, Merced County, California; southwest ¼ of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 13 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Snelling, MDB & M; Latitude 37°27'47.05"N, Longitude 120°33'09.83"W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0051-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Mike Bettencourt.

The Project involves activities related to the one-time construction of a rock diversion dam in the Merced River at the head of the Cowell Ditch #2. Dam installation will result in backing up water and guiding flow into the diversion ditch.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Mike Bettencourt

**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 activities involved in the operation of existing diversion ditches. The Project is not intended to expand an existing facility use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0051-R4.

**CDFW Contact Person:** Carrie Swanberg (Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist); (559) 243-8149.

*Signature:* 

*Date:* 7/17/19

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

JULY 17 2019

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE