

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: East Side Canal - Sediment Removal Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0121-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur along a 2.7 mile stretch along the south side of the East Side Canal (Stream), approximately 3 miles east of State Route 65 and approximately 7 miles southwest of Livingston and 13 miles northwest of the Merced National Wildlife Refuge, Merced County, California; Section 19 and 20, Township 7 South, Range 11 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Stevinson, MDB & M; Latitude 37°18'33.74"N, Longitude 120°47'49.12"W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0121-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, East Side Canal and Irrigation Company.

The Project includes activities related to the removal of accumulated sediment along the southern bank of an approximately 2.7 miles stretch of the East Side Canal (stream). The excavation will require construction of three access ramps to the bed of the stream and a temporary staging area, and the excavated material will be used to build up the southern levee bank.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: The East Side Canal and Irrigation Company.

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 related to the maintenance of an existing facility without resulting in an expansion of use. No significant environmental impacts will result if the Project is completed under the protective features included in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0121-R4.

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