

Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Inland Deserts Region (6)  
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Project Title: Palo Verde Ecological Reserve Phase 9 & 10

Project Location (include county): Located in Riverside County in the City of Blythe. Directly west of the Colorado River and North of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Western border is marked by a concrete lined irrigation canal.

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to comply with the LCR MSCP and CESA mitigation requirements by creating and maintaining the honey mesquite land cover type for covered species in Reaches 3-6 of the LCR in California.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: United States Bureau of Reclamation

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 7; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15307

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt from CEQA because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of natural resources. This is a restoration project that will involve the planting of mesquite trees to support the recovery of several covered species under the Lower Colorado River Multi Species Conservation Plan.

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