

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Bay Delta Region  
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**Project Title:** RD 403 Retaining Wall (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0445-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Rough and Ready Island along the San Joaquin River, within levee stations 260+00 to 264+00, in the County of San Joaquin, State of California; Latitude 37.95, Longitude - 121.336725.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0445-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Christopher H. Neudeck, Reclamation District No. 403.

The project is limited to the installation of up to 400 feet of sheet wall to stabilize the levee and ensure safety to any residents at Rough and Ready Island. The engineered sheet wall will be installed between levee stations 260+00 and 264+00, where work will occur on the upper portion of the levee on the water side. The project site impacted consists of concrete hardscaping and non-native landscaping. Straw wattles or silt fences will be installed at the existing wood retaining wall to prevent sediment materials from entering watercourses.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Christopher H. Neudeck, Reclamation District No. 403

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.  
 Categorical Exemption. Class 1, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project consists of maintenance of existing facilities.

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