Notice of Exemption

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 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Canevaro Ditch Rock Diversion Dam Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0019-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur in and adjacent to the Merced River, at river mile 50.50, approximately 2.3 miles east of the community of Snelling, Merced County, California; northeast ¼ of Section 11, Township 5 South, Range 14 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Snelling, MDB & M; Latitude 37.517390 N, Longitude -120.394478 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0019-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Sherman Arsenio.

The Project involves activities related to the one-time construction of a rock diversion dam in the Merced River at the head of the Canevaro Ditch. 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: Sherman Arsenio

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. 1600-2020-0019-R4.

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