Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Dynasty Ranch Riparian Revegetation Project (Amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0257-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located within and adjacent to the unnamed tributary to the Merced River located at 14601 Snelling Road, California, 95369, approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the town of Snelling, Merced County, State of California; Township 5 South, Range 14 East, Section 9, United States Geological Survey (USGS) map Snelling, MDB&M: 37.506173,-120.447063; Assessor's Parcel Number 043-070-006-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an amendment to the Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0257-R4, issued to Dynasty Ranch, LLC.

The Project includes the remediation of riparian habitat and streambank of the Merced River due to impacts created by the unauthorized grading activities; a petroleum spill; and removal of riparian habitat, including mature, riparian trees and shrubs. Project activities include tree and shrub planting and site stabilization. Amendment No. 1 increases the replanting area from approximately 4 acres to approximately 9.62 acres within and adjacent to the Merced River.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Kurt Hertlein, Dynasty Ranch, LLC

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes the remediation of unauthorized grading activities through replanting and site stabilization. No significant environmental impacts will result if the Project is completed under the protective features included in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0257-R4.

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