Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research *For U.S. Mail:* P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812-3044 **From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife Central Region 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Warlow Safety Roadside Rest Area Infrastructure Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS TUL-17000-R4).

Project Location: The Project will involve the installation of a potable water pipe underneath Cole's Slough Canal and over the Kings River along State Route 99 approximately one mile south of the City of Kingsburg in Tulare County.

Project Description: The authorized Project Activities conditionally allowed under this Agreement involve the installation of a three-and-a-half-inch diameter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe encased within a six-and-a-half-inch diameter HDPE pipe underneath the Cole Slough Canal via horizontal directional drilling, and the installation of the three-and-a-half-inch HDPE pipe to the bridge deck at the Kings River Bridge (Bridge No. 46-0267).

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

Signature:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 (b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves improvements to an existing facility (rest area). No permanent impacts will result from the Project Activities. The Project will not have significant adverse environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective measures contained in Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS TUL-17000.

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