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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Canevaro Ditch Rock Diversion Dam (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MER-56966-R4)

Project Location (Merced): The Project will occur in 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 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. EPIMS-MER-56966-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, to Frank Anderson.

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. The dam will be constructed in the main channel of the river. 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:
Fagundes Dairy, represented by Frank Anderson

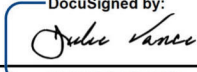
Exempt Status:

- 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 an existing diversion ditch. 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. EPIMS-MER-56966-R4.

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