



State of California – Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Bay Delta Region
2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100
Fairfield, CA 94534
(707) 428-2002
www.wildlife.ca.gov

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor
CHARLTON H. BONHAM, Director



To:
Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
[CEQA Submit](#)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Valero SJV Crude Pipeline Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-CCA-57024-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at two emergent wetlands adjacent to Peyton Slough, tributary to the Carquinez Strait, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California. The approximate project centroid is Latitude 38.02259, Longitude -122.10641; Assessor's Parcel Number 378-072-018-0.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-CCA-57024-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Valero Refining Company – California, as represented by Mark Galicia.

The project proposes to conduct assessments and maintenance at four locations along the San Joaquin Valley Crude Pipeline that have exhibited thinning. The project is limited to the following activities: clearing and grubbing; excavation of the pipeline at each site; installation of trench plates; installation of coffer dams as necessary; pumping of standing water to a water tank to dry each trench; removal of pipeline coating to facilitate external inspection for anomalies; repairs to the pipeline as needed; and the backfill of trenches and restoration of each site to pre-construction contours. Equipment may include an excavator, backhoe, hand tools, generators, dewatering pumps, water storage tanks, hoses, dump trucks, reach lift, compressor, welding rig, semi-truck tractor, sandblaster, and pump truck. Hand digging will be utilized when in close proximity to the pipeline. Access routes will be restricted to existing paved and dirt roads, and will be cleared to the extent necessary to allow equipment to reach the work site, while staging and work areas will encompass only the area needed to perform pipeline maintenance. Temporary impacts will occur to approximately 0.391 acres of brackish marsh habitat and 0.064 acres of freshwater emergent habitat as a result of project activities, and no trees will be removed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
EPIMS-CCA-57024-R3
July 22, 2025

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Mark Galicia
Valero Refining Company - California
Staff Project Engineer
(707) 745-7414
mark.galicia@valero.com
3400 East 2nd Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public or private structures or facilities, with no expansion of existing or former use.

CDFW Contact Person: Torrey Soland (Environmental Scientist), (707) 266-2878,
Torrey.Soland@wildlife.ca.gov

DocuSigned by:
Melissa Farinha
Signature: _____ Date: 7/22/2025

Melissa Farinha, Environmental Program Manager

Date received for filing at LCI: