

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Turlock Irrigation District
333 East Canal Drive
Turlock, CA 95380

County Clerk
County of: Stanislaus
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(Address)

Project Title: Tuolumne River Segregation Weir at Old La Grange Bridge

Project Applicant: Turlock Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

Tuolumne River at River Mile 50.5 - GPS: 37.6660694, -120.46202222

Project Location - City: La Grange

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The District is proposing to install a resistance board weir spanning approximately 120 ft to the streambed of the Tuolumne River. The intended purpose of the Tuolumne Segregation Weir is to physically separate the current population of Tuolumne spring-run from the fall-run anticipated to begin their migration in mid to late September. The segregation weir would be installed in early to mid-October and remain in place until December 31 in anticipation of peak fall-run Chinook migration timing. The substrate rail will remain in place year round, with all other components removed and reinstalled annually.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Turlock Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: FISHBIO, Inc.

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 33; Section 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 33 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects ) is used for projects that do not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that a) There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065, (b) There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and (c) The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. As the intended purpose of the segregation weir is to partition spring-run Chinook from later arriving fall-run and preserve the genetic integrity of both populations within the Tuolumne River and the accompanying Biological Assessment finds that there will be no significant impacts to ESA listed species, this project would appear to fit the aforementioned exemption.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael I. Cooke

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If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 8/29/2025

Title: Director of Water Resources and Regulatory Affairs

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: