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Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
CEQA Submit

From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Project Title: Roberts Ditch RMA (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. COL-57415-R2)

Project Location: The project is located near Colusa, in the County of Colusa, State of California; at approximately River Mile 144.2 along the Sacramento River; Latitude 39.218669, Longitude -122.013381 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number COL-57415-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Roberts Ditch Irrigation Company (RDIC).

The project consists of the periodic dredging of the channel to permit diversion of water to the RDIC pumps during the irrigation season. Removal of silt within the channel will be accomplished using a long reach excavator. The equipment will access the channel on the east side using existing access points. Annual dredging will remove up to 3,000 cubic yards of material to take the bottom down 3 feet at a width averaging 15 feet.

Public Agency Approving Project: **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:

Roberts Ditch Irrigation Company
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1 and 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301 and 15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt under section 15301 because it consists of maintenance of an existing topographical feature that involves negligible expansion of existing use. The project is exempt under section 15304 because it involves minor alterations to a waterway which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Streambed Alteration Agreement Between State of California, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Roberts Ditch Irrigation Company for Projects within Roberts Ditch

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), by and through its Environmental Program Manager, has taken final action to execute the Streambed Alteration Agreement between State of California, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Roberts Ditch Irrigation Company for Routine Maintenance Projects within Roberts Ditch. In taking its final agency action for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CDFW executed this Agreement relying on the categorical exemption for ‘‘Existing Facilities” and “Minor Alterations to Land” contained in CEQA Guidelines section 15301 and 15304, respectively. The project involves routine maintenance to establish the three-foot water depth within Roberts Ditch necessary for the irrigation pumps operation. Such activities generally include sand, silt, and sediment removal and debris or obstruction removal.

The Class 1 categorical exemption applies to the operation and maintenance of existing facilities. Specifically, a project is exempt from further review under CEQA if the project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. CDFW finds the execution of the Agreement with Roberts Ditch Irrigation Company to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15301, the "existing facilities" exemption. This exemption is applicable because the project includes only maintenance at existing facilities and involves no expansion of the existing use.

The Class 4 categorical exemption applies to minor alterations to land. Specifically, a project is exempt from further review under CEQA if the project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. CDFW finds the execution of the Agreement with Roberts Ditch Irrigation Company to be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15304, the “minor alterations” exemption. This exemption is applicable because the project does not involve removal of any healthy, mature trees and matches Class 4 example g. *Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies.*