

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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



Project Title: Winters Canal Siphon Replacement (Walnut Canal Headworks) (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. YOL-62075-R2)

Project Location: The project is located where the Winters Canal crosses Chickahominy Slough, which is in the County of Yolo, State of California; Latitude 38.57922, Longitude - 121.98842 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); Assessor's Parcel Number 050-190-007-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number YOL-62075-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

The project is limited to the removal and replacement of an existing Winters Canal 60-inch diameter 60-foot-long corrugated siphon pipe, and headworks/headgate, the placement of 18-inch thick layer of rip rap (rock class 3) covering the estimated 4,250 square foot area of disturbance and replaced pipe itself. Disturbance (trenching) will occur over a 55-foot width inclusive of the 5-foot diameter replacement pipe, extend up to 18 feet in depth (inclusive of 18-inch layer of rip rap, 5-foot diameter pipe, and 10-foot depth below current bed), and the full length of the siphon pipe. The 29 trees proposed for removal are also proposed to be replaced by the district.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person / Public Agency Carrying out Project:

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On September 19, 2025, the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 15302 class 2. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including

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Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Class (2); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15302).

Reasons why project is exempt: The existing structure and facilities will be replaced at the same site and will serve the same capacity and purpose of the currently existing structure.

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