

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Stanislaus

1021 I Street, Suite 101

Modesto, CA 95354

From: (Public Agency): Reclamation District 2092

3559 Shiloh Road

Modesto, CA 95358

(Address)

Project Title: Island Dairy Floodplain Restoration Project

Project Applicant: River Partners

Project Location - Specific:

8937 W Grayson Road, Modesto, CA 95358

Project Location - City: Unincorporated

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will restore riparian floodplain habitat on 467 acres of the Island Dairy Ranch property, converting agricultural fields and a dairy facility into native vegetation including other habitat enhancement activities such as reconnecting wetlands and removing bankside rubble. The Project is solely intended to restore, enhance and protect habitat upon which California native fish and wildlife depend and to assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Reclamation District 2092

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: River Partners

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC Section 21080.56 subdivisions (a) - (e), inclusive

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for native fish and wildlife; the project may have public benefits incidental to the fundamental purpose; the project will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and project activities are solely related to habitat restoration.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Neil Wilson

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-262-7944

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: Neil Wilson Date: 4/17/2026 Title: Secretary of the Board

▪ 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: _____