



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
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39-04202026-106

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LEAD AGENCY RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2042 - BISHOP TRACT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/20/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN JOAQUIN	DOCUMENT NUMBER 39-04202026-106	

PROJECT TITLE  
BISHOP TRACT PIPE REHABILITATION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2042 - BISHOP TRACT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 946-0268
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 343 EAST MAIN ST STE 812	CITY STOCKTON	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95202

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:


- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other    TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Alfred Ambriz ,Deputy
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## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street #222  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
Fax 916-324-9936

**From:** Reclamation District 2042 – Bishop Tract  
343 East Main Street, Suite 812  
Stockton, CA 95202

County Clerk  
County of San Joaquin  
44 N. San Joaquin Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

**Project Title:** Bishop Tract Pipe Rehabilitation

**Project Location – Specific:** Northwest Stockton, Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 East. East end of Telephone Cut, a dead-end slough extending east from White Slough along the north edge of Bishop Tract

**Project Location – City:** City of Stockton

**Project Location – County:** San Joaquin County

**Description of Nature, Purposes and Beneficiaries of the Project:**

Reclamation District 2042 (Bishop Tract) intends to remove and replace the existing 48" reinforced concrete pipeline and combination flap gates through a levee at the east end of Telephone Cut. As the pipeline is underwater, the project involves installing small cofferdams around the immediate work areas on each side of the levee. Replacement will then include excavating through the levee, removing and replacing the pipe, and restoring the levee section through backfill and compaction (Moore Biological, Biological Assessment). The project does not include any expansion of capacity or change in use.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Reclamation District 2042 (Bishop Tract)

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Reclamation District 2042

**Exempt Status:**

- 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 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (15302).
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project consists of the replacement of an 108-foot x 48-inch existing pipeline and associated gate structures that connects the east end of Telephone Cut with other agricultural drainages to the east. The proposed replacement will occur at the same location as the existing pipeline. The pipeline and new flap gates will serve the same purpose and function with essentially the same size, purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced. The project, therefore, qualifies for a Class 2 categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15302.

A Biological Assessment (BA) of the project, prepared by Moore Biological, describes the existing biological resources of land and waters in and adjacent to the project site and how the project would affect those resources, including Waters of the U.S. and wetlands, Federal and State special-status species, and other natural resources. The project would not involve any significant effect on biological resources.

The project includes proposed Avoidance and Minimization Measures that focus on construction scheduling and isolating the in-water work areas: With implementation of these measures, which are a part of the project, the project would have minimal and less than significant impacts to special-status plant, wildlife, and fish species.

Detailed discussion of the project's potential biological effects and the effectiveness of proposed Avoidance and Minimization Measures is documented in the project BA. A full copy of the BA has been provided to all agencies with permit jurisdiction. As documented in the BA, there would be no long-term adverse impacts to the aquatic habitats and potentially occurring special-status species in Telephone Cut, the San Joaquin River, and regional delta waterways biological resources as a result of the proposed project.

As documented in Appendix B, there are no other known environmental effects due to unusual circumstances that could be considered significant under CEQA.

**Avoidance and Minimization Measures Included in Project:**

- Construction access via existing levee and farm roads.
- Minimization of overall construction disturbance area and minimization of project footprint in jurisdictional Waters of the U.S.
- Isolation and de-watering in-water work areas.
- Construction scheduling between August 1 and November 30 to avoid potential impacts to special-status species and nesting birds.
- Conducting pre-construction surveys and implementing take avoidance measures for nesting Swainson's hawks and other nesting birds for construction prior to September 1.
- Conducting pre-construction surveys for northwestern pond turtle and giant garter snake and implementing take avoidance measures.
- Construction staging in adjacent upland areas that are biologically unremarkable.

**Lead Agency Contact Person: Erik Almaas, District Engineer Kjeldsen Sinnock Neudeck**

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-946-0268**

Signature:  Date: 4/20/2026

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: California Environmental Quality Act and the State CEQA Guidelines

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RECORDER  
44 N. SAN JOAQUIN ST.  
SUITE 260  
STOCKTON, CA 95202

TERMINAL NAME: E8259902

**ORDER# 219447294**

**PAYMENT**

COUNTER PAYMENT \$50.00

AGENCY SUBTOTAL: \$50.00  
LEXISNEXIS SERVICE FEE: \$2.50

TOTAL USD: \$52.50

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**AMOUNT PAID:**

San Joaquin County Recorders  
Steve J. Bestolarides  
44 N San Joaquin Street, Room 260  
Stockton, Ca 95202  
Receipt: 1919022

Product Name	Extended
FISH CLERK CLERK FISH AND GAME FILINGS	\$50.00
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