

Notice of Exemption

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From:

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



Project Title: China Slough RMA (Streambed Alteration Agreement (Routine Maintenance Agreement) (RMA) EPIMS Notification No. YOL-61499-R2)

Project Location: The project is located within Yolo County boundaries, covering 0.124 square miles (79.2 acres) and approximately 11 linear miles of natural creek and artificial channels. The project occurs within the El Dorado Bend, and Woodland, USGS quadrangles. Latitude 38.821752 to 38.72459 and -121.795287 to -121.856631.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (RMA) EPIMS Notification Number YOL-61499-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

The China Slough Routine Maintenance Project (Project) involves the removal of debris blockages and overgrown vegetation from China Slough, to be conducted by local landowners and Yolo County, to improve water conveyance in the channel and to prevent damage to infrastructure, such as catch weirs, culverts, and bridges.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person / Public Agency Carrying out Project:

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Exempt Status:

On October 3, 2025, the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section (15301 (b) and 15302 (c)). 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 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.

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Categorical Exemption. Existing Facilities – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301 (b) and 15302 (c)).

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 because this Project involves the routine maintenance of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of use, involving the rehabilitation of water conveyance infrastructure. Class 2 because this Project involves the reconstruction of an existing facility through sediment removal or minor erosion repair, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

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