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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Jorgenson-Ferrell Ditch Rock Weir Reconstruction Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MER-66265-R4)

Project Location (Merced): The Project will occur in the Merced River, at river mile 46.40, approximately 1.2 miles southwest of the community of Snelling, Merced County, California; northeast ¼ of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 14 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Snelling, MDB&M; Assessor's Parcel Number 043-080-007-000; Latitude 37.504615 N, Longitude -120.45227 W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. EPIMS-MER-66265-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code, to Lloyd Pareira.

The Project involves activities related to the one-time construction of a rock diversion dam in the Merced River at the head of the Jorgenson-Ferrell Ditch. Dam installation will result in backing up water and guiding flow into the diversion ditch.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:
Lloyd Pareira

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the operation of an existing diversion ditch. The Project is not intended to expand an existing facility use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-66265-R4.

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