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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: 15J9(095)_Houston Bridge Replacement (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KIN-59409-R4)

Project Location (Kings County): The Project is located at the Houston Avenue bridge crossing over the Cross Creek, approximately four miles southwest of the City of Hanford and approximately 2 miles south of State Route 198, Kings County, California; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 016-120-003 and 016-120-002; GPS coordinates 36.449363, -118.793039.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification No. EPIMS-KIN-59409-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to County of Kings.

The Project includes demolition of an existing bridge, vegetation removal, and installation of a new bridge within the same alignment.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

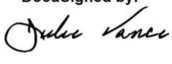
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Mitchel Cabrera
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Exempt Status: On March 25, 2025, the County of Kings, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is statutorily exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080(b)(3). 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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