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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Woodward Island DWR Work Agreement-17-1.3 Bamboo Removal Project
(Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SJN-66429-R3)

Project Location (San Joaquin): The project is located at Middle River and Old River on Woodward Island.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SJN-66429-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Clayton Mayne-Rizzi, Reclamation District 2072.

The project is limited to removing bamboo (*Arundo donax*) and tobacco trees (*Nicotiana glauca*) on the waterside levee slope and crown at various areas throughout the district levees. All bamboo and tobacco trees will be marked and flagged in the field, dug out to the root and hauled offsite. The empty holes will be backfilled and compacted with fill material and rip rap, if necessary. The work to be completed will preserve and maintain existing slope protection. All work will be done above the ordinary highway mark and at low tide. Excavators, haul trucks, and hand tools will be used to complete the removal project.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

Clayton Mayne-Rizzi
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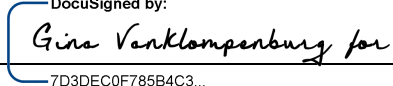
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Exempt Status: On April 16, 2026, the Reclamation District 2072, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets 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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