



By Deputy: aambriz



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>TO:</b> <b>San Joaquin County Recorder/County Clerk</b> <b>44 N. San Joaquin St #260</b> <b>Stockton, CA 95202</b>	<b>FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)</b> <b>EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT</b> <b>Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404</b> <b>375 Eleventh Street, MS 806</b> <b>Oakland, CA 94607-4240</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency is the Project Applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency is Public Agency Approving Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency is Carrying Out Project
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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

- TITLE:** Acquisition of Conservation Easements, Lower Mokelumne River
- LOCATION:** *(City, County, and specific location)*  
Clements, CA 95227
- DESCRIPTION:** Acquisition of two conservation easements and three associated access easements of combined area of approximately 56.97 acres of conservation easement areas. The conservation easement areas will be used for habitat restoration by developing a floodplain that will inundate a portion of the easement areas, creating rearing habitat benefiting fall-run Chinook salmon and Federally listed California Central Valley (CCV) steelhead trout, while protecting and maintaining open space, wildlife and botanical habitats, and the scenic qualities of the easement areas. The conservation easements and associated access easements are a portion of Assessor Parcel Numbers 023-110-360-000; 023-110-300-000; 023-110-350-000; 023-110-340-000; 023-110-280-000 in San Joaquin County.

**EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)**

This project is exempt from CEQA because:

- Activity is not a project
- Activity is Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); Guideline 15268)
- Activity is a Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); Guideline 15269(a))
- Activity is an Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); Guideline 15269(b)(c))
- Activity is Categorically Exempt Under Guideline Guideline 15313 & 15325
- Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline Pub Res Code § 21080.28
- Reasons why project is exempt:** California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) § 21080.28 and CEQA Guidelines §15313 (Class 13) and §15325 (Class 25) exempt the acquisition of, or transfer of interest in, land by a public agency for fish and wildlife conservation, and in order to preserve or restore open space or habitat, from CEQA. These exemptions apply to acquiring lands to preserve habitat, establish ecological reserves, or protect access to public lands, where the purpose is to maintain the land in their natural condition. Prior to approving any project resulting in physical changes to the land, further CEQA review will be undertaken.

**APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: 316**

<u>2/5/2026</u>	<u>Rob Korn</u> <i>RK</i>	<u>Matt Elawady</u>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (Initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)
<u>Matt Elawady</u>		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
<u>Rob Korn</u> <i>RK</i>	<u>903</u>	<u>Senior Real Estate Representative</u> <u>510-287-1246</u>
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		PHONE

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK**

<u>March 2, 2026</u>	<u>Andrew L. Lee</u>	
DATE	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
<u>March 4, 2026</u>	<u>Rischa S. Cole</u> <i>Rischa S. Cole</i>	
DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK	SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT	

# Colburn Conservation Easement

