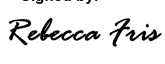


Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	From: Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090
County Clerk (County of): Ventura	Contact: Cara Allen Phone: 916-926-584 Lead Agency: Ventura County Resource Conservation District Contact: Jamie Whiteford Phone: 805-764-5132

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted by State Clearinghouse) 2023110627		
Project Title: Santa Clara River Restoration		
Project Location: 107-0-140-475, 104-0-170-515, 104-0-170-505; Center of project coordinates: 34.339485, -119.066376		
Project City: Santa Paula	Project County: Ventura	
CEQA Region: S.CA		
Project Description: Project involves restoring 70 acres of riparian habitat on TNC's Prairie Pacific property. Project activities include invasive vegetation removal, trash and debris removal, native plant revegetation, enhancement of wetland features, and maintenance and monitoring of habitat restoration. This work will increase native biodiversity, repair hydraulic function and habitat connectivity, and will result in long-term habitat integrity, support endangered species recovery, and provide climate resiliency to the Santa Clara River ecosystem. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025168.		
This is to advise that the Wildlife Conservation Board has approved the above-described project on 8/27/26 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project. ☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency		
Exempt Status: (Check One) ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268): ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: ☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: ☐ Categorical Exemption, State Section Number and type: ☒ Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number and type: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 ☐ Other:		
Reasons why project is exempt: The Ventura County Resource Conservation District, as lead agency, determined that the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP), Public Resources Code section 21080.56, as a project that meets all of the following conditions: (1) the Project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (2) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's fundamental purpose; (3) the Project will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and (4) Project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration.		
If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. 2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes (by this notice) ☐ No		
Signature: 	Title: Deputy Executive Director	Date: 8/31/2026
SCH#: 2023110627		Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR: