

COUNTY RECORDER

Filing Requested by:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Name

221 West Court Street Suite 1

Address

Woodland, CA 95695

City, State, Zip

Filed in County Clerk's Office

Jesse Salinas

Yolo County - Clerk-Recorder

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09/20/2024

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Fee: \$ 50.00

By zhernandez, Deputy



Notice of Exemption

To:

Yolo County Clerk-Recorder
625 Court Street, Room B-01
Woodland, CA 95695

From:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District
221 West Court Street, Suite 1
Woodland, CA 95695
meyer@yolorcd.org

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Yanci Ranch Hedgerow – Installing Cage Protection for Native Plants

Project Location – Specific:

Project Location – City: Winters, CA

Project Location – County: Yolo

Description of nature and purpose of the Project: The project is to install browse-protective caging and replant oak acorns at 60-80 single planting locations in an area of Yanci Ranch where deer pressure has severely limited a prior 2020 planting of oaks, shrubs, and perennial wildflowers. Cages installed will include 3-4 t-posts pounded into the ground around existing individual plants outside of streambank areas with welded wire and/or hog panel fencing enclosing the plant. Approximately 10-20 plant locations where previous plants have died will be replanted with valley, blue, or live oak acorns. This project will help realize the completion of a 1.4 mile-long tree and shrub riparian habitat corridor through Yanci Ranch a 6-acre valley oak savannah at the lowest elevations of the ranch. This ranch is protected in-perpetuity by a conservation easement held by the Yolo Habitat Conservancy.

This project will lead to the conversion of mostly non-native annual grasslands with low habitat value to plant communities with high value habitat. Protecting oaks, redbud, elderberry, buckwheat, toyon, and ceanothus from deer browse will increase the abundance of fruits and seeds, floral resources, larval host plants, and a variety of cover and nesting substrates for invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and birds.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yolo County Resource Conservation District

SEP 20 2024

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ **Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:** Categorical Exemption: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alteration of Land

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Caging of existing plants will protect them from herbivory and allow for better establishment in the long run. Cages and stakes will not impact existing vegetation and installation causes minor ground disturbance.

The project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (minor alterations to land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope, that will not significantly impact the aesthetic of the property, or biological and/or cultural resources, and that do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees for any purpose. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a "Notice of Exemption" for this project. It has been concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire.

Lead Agency Contact: Heather Nichols

Phone: (530) 661-1688 ext. 3

Signature (Lead Agency):



Date:

9/12/2024

Name/Title:

Heather Nichols, Executive Director

Project Map

Approximately 20 cages will be installed in the orange Oak Savanna area, and another 60 will be installed in the green riparian planting area. The adjacent creek is seasonal.

Legend

-  2020 upland riparian planting - 2,000 ft
-  2020 Valley Oak Savannah planting - 6 ac.
-  property boundary





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE

CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
57-09202024-106

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY YOLO COUNTY RESORCE CONSERVATION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL meyer@yolorcd.org	DATE 09/20/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

YANCI RANCH HEDGEROW - INSTALLING CAGE PROTECTION FOR NATIVE PLANTS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY RESORCE CONSERVATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL meyer@yolorcd.org	PHONE NUMBER (530) 661-1688
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 221 WEST COURT STREET, SUITE 1	CITY WOODLAND	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95695

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	

☒ Exempt from fee
 ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
 ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	\$50.00
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Zuri Hernandez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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