

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Ventura

From: (Public Agency): _____
Ventura County Resource Conservation District
PO Box 147 Somis CA 93066

(Address)

Project Title: Phase I Lion Creek Project for VRWRRP

Project Applicant: Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

Centered at (34.43705,-119.17310), spans 8,500 feet east/west along Lion Creek

Project Location - City: Ojai Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Approximately 0.9 acres of invasive *Arundo donax* biomass growing within an 8,500 foot corridor adjacent to Lion Creek will be hand-removed for disposal. Follow-up treatments will involve use of aquatic-approved herbicides. The project's purpose is to restore the creek's habitat function and ecological health. Beneficiaries include Happy Valley Foundation and other riparian landowners, the surrounding community, and the wildlife that utilize this riparian corridor.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Vivon Crawford

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 33, Section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Project
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is under five acres in size and involves the restoration and maintenance of habitat for fish, plants, and wildlife. Protections will be put in place to assure there are no significant adverse impacts to endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site to disturb or remove and the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with past, current, or probable future projects.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jamie Whiteford Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 764-5132

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 No

Signature:  Date: 11/26/2024 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____