

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
County of: Ventura  
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From: (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
Ventura County Resource Conservation District  
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PO Box 147 Somis CA 93066  
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(Address)

Project Title: Ventura River Watershed Riparian Resilience Program

Project Applicant: Ventura County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Ventura River Watershed, approximate center coordinates 34.370550,-119.309577

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves the phased restoration of riparian corridors of the Ventura River and its tributaries through the removal of giant reed (*Arundo donax*) and other invasive plants and subsequent revegetation with native species. The purpose of this restoration project is to assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife and the habitat upon which they depend. This restoration project will benefit native riparian habitat and multiple listed and native species, including southern California steelhead.

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.56-2025-067-R5


Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it: is exclusively to restore and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife habitat; may provide incidental public benefits; will result in long-term net benefits to climate resilience, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery and includes ongoing measures to protect the environment; includes activities solely related to habitat restoration.

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: May 14, 2025 Title: Executive Director

Digitally signed by Jamie Whiteford  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_