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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: Devil's Gulch

Project Applicant: Ventura County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Ventura River mainstem, ~ center coord. 34.408339, -119.302100

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy will conduct initial treatment and removal of ~8 acres of giant reed and other invasive species across 6 parcels along the Ventura River adjacent to Devil's Gulch hiking area. Cut and daub and mastication in certain approved areas will be utilized to treat dense stands of giant reed. Revegetation with native riparian stakes will be completed following treatment.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

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: SERP CONCURRENCE NO. 21080.56-2025-067-R5

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project falls under the Ventura River Watershed Riparian Resilience Program exempt through a Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects. The project will conserve, restore, protect, or enhance and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife and is designed to benefit the native riparian habitat in the Ventura River Watershed through habitat restoration activities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rachel Ray Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-764-5151

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: 10/20/2026 Title: Habitat Restoration Coordinator

▪ 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: