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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Filed to: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 10th St
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk of: Stanislaus County

Project Title: Lucich Santos Pollinator Habitat

Project Location: Projects are located on a privately owned orchard off of Rogers Rd in
Patterson, Stanislaus County. Tract # 7717161 fld: 3,2 / #7717622 fld 9 /
#16903 fld: 3,7 APN: 021-019-027 / 021-019-014 / 021-014-037

City and County: Patterson, Stanislaus County

Description of Nature and Purpose of Project:

The Lucich Santos Pollinator Habitat Project will enhance pollinator habitat on privately owned farmland to benefit wildlife such as pollinators, and other beneficial insects. The installation of hedgerows is fairly standard farming practice. The West Stanislaus Resource Conservation District and East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District will be working with a private landowner to complete the project.

Name of Person, Board, Commission or Department Proposing to Carry Out Project:

West Stanislaus Resource Conservation District
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Lead Agency
Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Mary Johnson Telephone: (209) 892-3026

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions, Class 33 (CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15333)

Remarks: See page 3.

Date of Determination:
1/28/2025

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.

x *Mary Johnson*

Mary Johnson, District Manager
West Stanislaus Resource Conservation District

REMARKS:

The West Stanislaus Resource Conservation District along with California Association of Resource Conservation Districts and the Wildlife Conservation Board is planning to carry out habitat restoration projects to create habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects.

This Project will install hedgerows to create habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects. Hedgerow installation is a routine and regular farming practice, which will be used in this project for the benefit of pollinators. This project focuses on planting native species to encourage habitat creation. The project sites will sit along the edges of fruit tree orchards, with a total length of approximately 1439ft, and an estimated total acreage of 1.5 acres. The following provides an explanation for why this project qualifies for exemption from CEQA environmental review Class 33 [CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15333].

Class 33 (CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15333) Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. The following points list the criteria for projects to meet Categorical Exemption Class 33 Section 15333.

(a) There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065,

The proposed project is designed specifically to benefit threatened species, such as native pollinator species. The project would provide the habitat needed to forage, take refuge, rest, and reproduce.

(b) There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and No hazardous materials are known to the project site.

(c) The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

This project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects because the proposed project is for the purpose of habitat creation for sensitive wildlife. This project would not have adverse effects on farmland, public services, soils, waterways, or human health.

(d) Examples of small restoration projects may include, but are not limited to:

(1) revegetation of disturbed areas with native plant species;

Native plant species will be prioritized in use for hedgerow installation on farmland.

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.