

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Habitat Enhancement Project

Project Applicant: County of Santa Barbara Public Works

Project Location - Specific:

Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park, 6999 W Main St, Guadalupe, CA 93434, Fifth Supervisorial District

Project Location – City: Guadalupe

Project Location – County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project to restore five acres of dune habitat at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park. Includes planting 500 California-native and rare dune species and removing invasive species, such as narrowleaf iceplant. Additionally, a sand fence up to 300 feet in length will be installed within the 5-acre restoration area, to protect newly planted native dune vegetation from wind erosion and sand burial.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara Public Works

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: 15333
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects: Project does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. 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. There are no unusual circumstances that would suggest the potential for a significant environmental impact.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ron Benny

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6359

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

Assistant Secretary for

Signature: Bryan Cash Date: 2/12/2026 Title: Administration and Finance

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code