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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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

County Clerk of: Stanislaus County

Project Title: *Church of the Brethren Pollinator Habitat Project*

Project Location: Project is located at Church of the Brethren public church in Modesto, Stanislaus County. APN #s:

081-021-001

City and County: Modesto, Stanislaus County

Description of Nature and Purpose of Project:

The *Church of the Brethren Pollinator Habitat Project* will enhance pollinator habitat in the public area to benefit wildlife such as pollinators, and other beneficial insects. The installation of hedgerows is a standard conservation practice. The East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District will be working directly with the church's pastor to complete the project.

Name of Person, Board, Commission or Department Proposing to Carry Out Project: East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District; 3800 Cornucopia Way, Ste. E, Modesto, CA 95358

Lead Agency  Responsible Agency

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EXEMPT STATUS:

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

Remarks: See page 2.

Date of Determination:

09/09/25

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

x *Gabriela Cervantes*

Gabriela Cervantes, Watershed Coordinator  
East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District

## REMARKS:

The East 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 can be applied to public sites and will be used in this project for the benefit of pollinators. This project focuses on planting native species to encourage habitat creation. The project site will be placed along a parking lot strip garden bed, with a total length of approximately 19.8 ft of hedgerow habitat, well below 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 (5) 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 be on 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.

(4) projects to restore or enhance habitat that are carried out principally with hand labor and not mechanized equipment.