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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Fresno
2281 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93710

From: (Public Agency): Sierra Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 693 Auberry, CA 93602
(Address)

Project Title: Restoring Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat Across Fresno County Landscapes: Sierra High School

Project Applicant: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

33326 Lodge Road, Tollhouse, CA 93667; S27 S28, T10 S, R23 East Mount Diablo

Project Location - City: Tollhouse Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will restore native habitat at Sierra High School by replacing existing grass lawn areas with California native plants. The project will also restore the school's approximately 25-acre Nature Trail through selective thinning, invasive species removal, trail maintenance, pile burning of vegetation and native replating.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra 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: 15301; 15304;15333
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 includes repair, maintenance and minor alterations of existing public structures and facilities. The project does not result in any meaningful expansion of existing or past use. Section 15304 exempts minor alterations in the condition of the land, water and/or vegetation. Which do not include the removal of large healthy trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Section 15333 exempts small habitat restoration projects to maintain, restore or enhance or protect species or their habitat while avoiding significant negative impact.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kelly Kucharski Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-855-5540

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: Kelly Kucharski Date: 01/28/2026 Title: District Manager

▪ 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: _____