

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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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: Almond Orchard 2

Project Applicant: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

7660 S Highland Ave, Fowler, CA 93625

Project Location - City: Fowler

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The goal of this project is to plant native and drought tolerant hedgerow plants on an almond orchard. The plants will be used to attract pollinators that will be active during almond bloom and beneficial insects that can help with biological pest control. Mulch will be added around hedgerow plants and bird nesting boxes will be installed to assist with biological pest control

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: 15304, which exempts minor alternations to the land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project does not adversely impact soil, water, or endangered, rare, or threatened biological resources and their habitats. Rather, this project will result in improvement of wildlife habitat

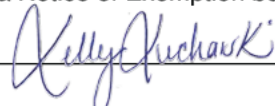
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kelly Kucharski

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: 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: _____