

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): San Joaquin River Conservancy
10637 N. Lanes Rd
Fresno, CA 93730

(Address)

Project Title: San Joaquin River Parkway, Wildwood Native Park Habitat Enhancement

Project Applicant: San Joaquin River Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

Madera County APN: 049-084-017

Project Location - City: Madera Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The habitat restoration project at the Conservancy's Wildwood Native Park property is focused on improving the health of the land and supporting native plants and wildlife. The project addresses past land impacts by restoring native vegetation, and improving overall habitat conditions. These efforts help create a more balanced and resilient ecosystem while enhancing wildlife habitat and long-term land stewardship. The project reflects SJRC's commitment to caring for the Wildwood property and protecting its natural resources for the future.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin River Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin River Conservancy

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, class 33 (d)(4)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will restore and enhance habitat that is carried out primarily using hand labor rather than mechanized equipment in order to minimize ground disturbance, protect sensitive ecological features, and reduce impacts to wildlife. Hand-based methods allow for greater precision and adaptability in fragile environments, supporting effective restoration while preserving existing habitat integrity.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kari Kyler Daniska Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 287 - 2650

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: 2/3/2026 Title: Executive Officer

▪ 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: _____