

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): <u>California Natural Resources Agency</u> <u>715 P Street, 20th Floor</u> <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u> _____ (Address)
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Project Title: McMillan Ranch Conservation Easements

Project Applicant: Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

Project Location - Specific:
APNs 017-281-026, 017-281-027, 017-271-002, 017-271-014, 017-271-016, and 017-281-007

Project Location – City: Shandon Project Location – County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
A project to permanently protect 1,645 acres of intact grassland, oak woodland, and riparian habitat through the acquisition of two contiguous conservation easements in eastern San Luis Obispo County south of the Highway 46 Corridor Improvement Project. The project will retire most residential development rights, prohibit intensive uses, and preserve the high-quality wildlife habitat and grazing land into perpetuity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

- 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: Class 17, Sec. 15317
 - Statutory Exemptions.** State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project involves the acquisition and acceptance of a conservation easement to protect land in order to maintain the open space and rural character of the community. The project is exempt based on Section 15317 for the acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of the area.

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

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

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