

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): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Saddle Peak Springs Acquisition Project

Project Applicant: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Project Location - Specific:
Santa Monica Mountains between Malibu and Calabasas.
Address: 24683 Brown Latigo Street, Calabasas, CA 91302
APNs: 4453-023-006 and 4453-023-008

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The acquisition of 54 acres of open space for habitat conservation and appropriate public access. The property supports sensitive habitats and species and an existing spur trail to the Backbone Trail.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

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: Sections 15313(c). 15325(a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is an acquisition of open space land and will preserve existing natural conditions, including plant and animal habitats, and public access to public lands where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition.

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