

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -**

To:
Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Central Region
1234 E. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710



Street Address:
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Crespi Pond Vegetation Management Project (Request No. 1652-2026-090-001-R4)

Project Applicant: Daniel Gho, City of Pacific Grove

Project Location (include county): The Project is located within and adjacent to a lake herein referred to as Crespi Pond, at the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation, in the City of Pacific Grove, Monterey County; centered at 36.636033, -121.932975; Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 1 West; U.S. Geological Survey Map Monterey OE N; Assessor's Parcel Number 007-011-006-000.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Crespi Pond Vegetation Management Project submitted by the City of Pacific Grove.

Avian utilization of habitat at Crespi Pond is limited by the overgrowth of emergent vegetation. The Project is intended to restore the historic balance of 70% open water and 30% emergent vegetation at Crespi Pond to provide habitat diversity suitable for avian species such as waterbirds and passerine birds. The Project consists of an initial vegetation removal event and two subsequent vegetation removal events. Each event will include the launch of a barge from the bank of Crespi Pond and operation of that barge from the open water. Emergent vegetation will be removed down to the root mass using a clam bucket attachment. Removed vegetation will be temporarily stockpiled along the edge of Crespi Pond and left to dry. Once that vegetation dries, it will be loaded into dump trucks by an excavator for disposal offsite. Subsequent vegetation removal events will occur no more than once every two years and will not remove more than 50% of the emergent vegetation present at that time.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

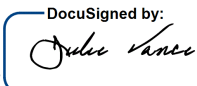
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Pacific Grove

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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