

Notice of Exemption

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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: Windy Springs Meadow Restoration Project (Request No. 1652-2026-094-001-R4)

Project Applicant: Jon Christensen

Project Location (Tulare County): The Project is located within Windy Springs meadow, which feeds an unnamed tributary of the south fork Kern River, in Tulare County; centered at approximately 36.02539, -118.10285; Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 36 East; U.S. Geological Survey Map Long Canyon; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 310-140-038, 310-140-037, and 310-140-020.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Windy Springs Meadow Restoration Project as submitted by Jon Christensen.

The three-acre Project will address meadow degradation that is largely attributed to anthropogenic modifications. Project activities include but are not limited to the removal of artificial containment systems around two springheads, removal and/or lowering of earthen berms, and the installation of low-tech process-based treatments. The Project is intended to restore hydrologic function and habitat quality within the 46-acre Windy Springs Meadow.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

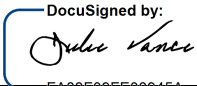
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Jon Christensen

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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Signature:  **Date:** 6/11/2026
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