

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: Cerro Alto Ranch Headcut Repair (Request No. 1652-2026-096-001-R4)

Project Applicant: Hayley Barnes, Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

Project Location (San Luis Obispo County): The Project is located within an unnamed ephemeral tributary to Warden Creek in the Morro Bay watershed; in the City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County; centered at approximately 35.32876, -120.797805; Section 10, Township 30 South, Range 11 East; U.S. Geological Survey Map Morro Bay South; Assessor's Parcel Number 067-021-002.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Cerro Alto Ranch Headcut Repair Project as submitted by the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District as represented by Hayley Barnes.

The 950 square-foot Project will stabilize an existing headcut to curb erosion within the unnamed tributary and abate sedimentation into Warden Creek. Specifically, the Project includes the grading of the headcut, installation of a rock grade control structure, and revegetation of the disturbed area with a native seed mix. A total of 43 linear feet of stream will be affected by the Project. The Project does not include the removal of mature trees or shrubs, and Project activities will be conducted when the stream is dry. California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and south-central California coast steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) are expected to benefit from the water quality improvements the Project will provide to the receiving watershed. Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*) and Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*) are expected to benefit from the enhanced foraging opportunities provided by the Project's seed mix, which will establish floristic species with bloom periods throughout the year.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

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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Date: 7/14/2026

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