

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

(Address)

Project Title: Windy Springs Meadow Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Jon Christensen

Project Location - Specific:

Windy Springs Meadow: 36.026, -118.102

Project Location - City: Windy Springs Meadow Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The 2.99-acre Project consists of correcting the hydrologic alterations to Windy Springs Meadow caused by historical ranching infrastructure, channelization, and meadow berm construction. The Project will restore the natural hydrologic and ecological functions of Windy Springs Meadow, its associated springs, and the intermittent tributary that flows through the meadow.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jon Christensen

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: 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The sole purpose of the project is to restore degraded meadow habitat for a gain of area and function of stream and meadow habitat.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brandon Salazar Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-6278

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:  Date: 7/23/2026 Title: Water Resource Control Egnineer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____