

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: Fresno

From: (Public Agency): The San Joaquin River Conservancy
10637 N. Lanes Rd.

Fresno, CA 93730 PO Box 28338

(Address)

Project Title: River West Fresno E-Pond Habitat Enhancement Project

Project Applicant: The San Joaquin River Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

The project is approximately one mile downstream of State Route 41 bridge on the sou

Project Location - City: Fresno

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please see attached project description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The San Joaquin River Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The San Joaquin River Conservation Trust

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: Class 4, 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project includes minor alterations of land and does not involve grading, tree removal, or construction of any structures. The actions of the project will result in improvements of habitat for wildlife resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kari Kyler Daniska Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-287-22650

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: 8/5/26

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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: _____

Project Description:

This project activities are such to fulfill terms of WCB Grant Agreement WC-1962HW Work Plan. This project includes revegetation of annual grassland with upland and riparian plants to create native habitat and improve habitat connectivity on approximately 23 acres of land commonly known as River West Fresno. The actions of the project may involve, but are not limited to, a irrigation system during planting and plant establishment, installation of plant protection to reduce herbivory, weed management, and replanting as needed throughout.