

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Colusa

546 Jay Street

Colusa, California 95932

From: (Public Agency): Colusa County Resource Conservation District

100 Sunrise Blvd., Suite A3

Colusa, California 95932

(Address)

Project Title: CARCD/WCB/CCRCD Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat Implementation project

Project Applicant: Colusa County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

38°58'23.49"N, 122° 2'8.57"W; 39° 6'29.57"N, 122° 6'26.57"W; 39° 1'48.23"N, 122° 7'58.00"W; 39° 1'12.13"N, 122° 6'11.61"W; 39° 1'12.90"N, 122° 2'18.83"W; 38°56'15.65"N, 122° 2'34.97"W; 39° 9'39.96"N, 122°14'44.41"W; 39° 9'47.56"N, 122°14'49.24"W; 39° 9'53.56"N, 122°14'52.61"W

Project Location - City: Williams, Arbuckle, College City Project Location - County: Colusa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached Notice of Exemption.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Colusa County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Colusa County Resource Conservation District

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, section 15304; Class 33, Section 15333
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached Notice of Exemption

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Liz Harper Price

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-473-9346

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: [Signature] Date: 8/13/2024 Title: Executive Director

■ 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: _____

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COLUSA COUNTY
Resource Conservation District

CRISTY JAYNE EDWARDS
COLUSA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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Project Location (City and County): Williams, Arbuckle, College City. Colusa County.

Project Summary:

The installation of pollinator habitats in and around agricultural working lands. Multiple hedgerows will be installed throughout the farming operation spread out across Colusa County. Hedgerows will include native trees, shrubs, and forbs to support pollinators and other wildlife while providing a buffer zone from the agricultural operations. Multiple conservation cover plots will be planted, including pollinator friendly native grasses, forbs, and shrub species. All projects will be maintained for a minimum of 10 years. All individual project areas will be under 5 acres. Site preparation will include managing invasive weeds prior to planting and discing the soil. The maintenance plan includes invasive weed removal, mowing native grasses as necessary, and pruning plants to maintain farming operations.

Colusa County RCD will use funds to implement portions of a Carbon Farm Plan for a producer in Colusa County. These projects will create habitat for pollinators and other wildlife species around working agricultural land. The project funds will go toward the RCD providing an implementation design, habitat restoration supplies (irrigation, plants, tree tubes, etc). Plant species selected will focus on pollinators and monarchs, among other large species.

Following the Carbon Farm Plan, species types and amounts will be selected from a local native nursery. Site preparation will include light earth moving as necessary, and invasive weeds will be treated prior to planting. CCRCD will recommend mulch, tree tubes and other methods to increase plant survivability. A simple irrigation system will be established with drip lines and tied into an existing system. During and after the implementation of the project, the RCD will conduct bimonthly site visits, taking photos for documentation, and recommending best practices for maintaining hedgerows based on the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Practice Standards (CPS). Throughout the implementation process, the RCD will work with the farm to develop the project design, plant selection, and best management practices for the hedgerow.

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Exempt Status (Class and Guidelines Section):

Categorical Exemption:

Class 4, CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15304: Allows for "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes"

Class 33, CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15333: Allows for small habitat restoration "projects that do not exceed 5 acres in size and are constructed for the purpose of maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that:

- a. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to Section 15065.
- b. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed.
- c. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects."

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Class 4: This project will create native habitat where sparse non-native vegetation is the predominate species. Any native plant and tree within the project area will be integrated into the newly established habitat. These projects will take place on private agricultural land where farm field edges are conventionally treated for weeds. The projects will not be inside the waterway.

Class 33: The project involves the establishment of hedgerows and conservation cover plots to provide habitat for pollinators in multiple areas in and around orchards. These projects will harm no endangered, rare, or threatened species, instead will create beneficial habitats. This project will enhance habitat throughout the working landscape by creating a more robust and diverse plant ecosystem. All project locations are under 5 acres. No hazardous materials are located in or around the project sites. This project will not negatively affect the surrounding landscape and has the potential to encourage other landowners to establish native habitat in the future.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Elizabeth Harper

Phone: (530) 473-9346

Signature:



Date: 8/13/2026

Title: Colusa County RCD Executive Director

Date Received or filing at OPR: