



Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

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CEQA Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Luis Obispo
1055 Monterey Street, Room D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

From: Upper Salinas-Las Tablas
Resource Conservation District
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The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

Project Title: Willow Creek Conservancy Regenerative Ag Enhancements project

Project Applicant: Hailey Morello
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Project Location: 1380 Willow Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

Project Description: The proposed project consists of three components: water and irrigation infrastructure enhancements, streambank restoration and riparian cross-fencing, and education program infrastructure development. The work will include the installation of wildlife friendly cross fencing, water tanks, irrigation lines, and livestock troughs. It will also include native plant installation and invasive plant removal along Sheep Camp Creek. The project will also include installation of a wood shade structure and wood tables for workers and educational gatherings.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: US-LTRCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Hailey Morello, US-LTRCD

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: Type – Class 3 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303-04
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The minor alterations to the land that are proposed in this project will result in a significant improvement and resiliency of habitat. This project involves minor ground disturbance while improving roads and trails, retrofitting wells and installing water troughs across the project area. The installation of this network of water troughs will improve habitat suitability and water resiliency across the landscape. The shade structure will follow OSHA guidelines, and will have no negative impact on environmental, community, or cultural resources.

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