

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Stanislaus

10211 Suite 101

Modesto CA 95354

From: (Public Agency): East Stanislaus Resource
Conservation District

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite E, Modesto CA 95358

(Address)

Project Title: Rising Sun Farm and Garden Pollinator Project

Project Applicant: East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite E, Modesto, CA 95358

Project Location - Specific:

2243 Welty Rd, Vernalis, CA 95385

Project Location - City: Vernalis

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Rising Sun Farm and Garden Pollinator Habitat Project will create habitat within the school farm/garden to benefit pollinators and beneficial insects by implementing California Native plants in hedgerows. The school has pre-established native plants and empty spaces which will be filled with native plants. The East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District will be working directly with Amy Thorpe, the head coordinator, to complete this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: East Stanislaus 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 33 (CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15333)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project focuses on planting native species to encourage habitat creation for pollinators. The implementation of native plants will be placed as a hedgerow and filler totaling to approximately 2.41 acres, well below 5 acres. There will be no adverse impacts to threatened or endangered species, and the project will not impact or disrupt surrounding land use. Additionally, the project will be carried out with hand labor and will not use mechanized equipment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Gabriela Cervantes

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 287-3644

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: Gabriela Cervantes Date: 10/22/26 Title: Director of Restoration

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: _____