NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Alameda
1106 Madison St. – First Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

FROM: City of Livermore
1052 South Livermore
Livermore, CA 94550

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

PROJECT

Title: Consistency Determination (CD) 26-004 for the acquisition of real property for wildlife conservation purposes.

Location: Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 099B-6300-003-01, 099B-6300-003-02, 099B-6300-003-03, 099B-6500-002-01, 099A-1780-001-05, 099B-6425-002-04, 099B-5650-001-04, and 099A-1785-001-14.

Description: The Project is a General Plan Consistency Determination pursuant to Government Code Section 65402(a) for the proposed acquisition of approximately 817 acres of vacant range land for wildlife conservation purposes including the preservation of biological habitat. The Property is divided into eight irregularly shaped parcels in the Altamont Hills. On November 3rd, 2026, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution finding that the proposed acquisition is consistent with the General Plan. The Planning Commission's determination is a required step in the proposed acquisition; it does not authorize the purchase or convey title of the land. Acquisition authorization remains subject to subsequent City Council action.

Applicant: City of Livermore

City's Contact: Kam Purewal, Associate Planner
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Public Agency Approving Project: City of Livermore

EXEMPT STATUS:

- [X] Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15313)
- [ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a); 21080(b)(3))
- [ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b)(c); 21080(b)(4)
- [ ] Ministerial (Sec. 15268; 21080(b)(1))
- [ ] Statutory Exemption
- [ ] "Common Sense" Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15313 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts projects involving the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes, including preservation of existing wildlife habitat. The proposed acquisition qualifies for a Class 13 categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15313 because, as documented in a Conservation Values Assessment prepared for the Property, the Property contains significant biological resources, provides essential habitat for sensitive wildlife species, and serves as a critical regional wildlife movement corridor within the Altamont Pass. Acquisition and conservation-focused management of the Property would support the long-term protection of these existing resources, strengthen connections between existing protected lands, and provide opportunities for habitat restoration and natural resource management. The acquisition of the Property would support the City's objectives for managed growth, preservation of open space beyond the Urban Growth Boundary, protection of natural resources, and long-term conservation of regional wildlife habitat and ecological connectivity, consistent with the applicable goals and policies of the City of Livermore General Plan 2045.

Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemption listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

1. Location. This exception does not apply. Categorical Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located. The proposed land acquisition qualifies for a Class 13 Categorical Exemption and, therefore, is not subject to this possible exception due to project location.

2. Cumulative Impact. Future use of the Property would be limited to open space and conservation related purposes. The Property will be managed for its conservation values with the goal of encumbering the land with a conservation easement. The acquisition of the Property would not result in any significant impact, and its contribution to regional growth is not cumulatively considerable. Therefore, the property acquisition will not result in any cumulative impacts.

3. Significant Effects Resulting from Unusual Circumstances. There is no reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. There is no evidence that any unusual circumstances exist.

4. Scenic Highways. The Project site is not located along a subarea of the scenic routes and is not designated as a Scenic Highway by the California Department of Transportation. No damage to scenic resources will occur.

5. Hazardous Waste Sites. The site is not included on the list of hazardous waste facilities compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5, which comprises the following five parts: the list of Hazardous Waste and Substances sites from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor database; the list of Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) sites from the State Water Resource Control Board

(SWRCB) Geotracker database; the list of solid waste disposal sites identified by the SWRCB with waste constituents above hazardous waste levels outside the waste management list; the list of active Cease and Desist Orders or Cleanup and Abatement Orders that concern the discharge of wastes that are hazardous materials; or the list of hazardous waste facilities subject to corrective action pursuant to Section 25187.5 of the Health and Safety Code, identified by DTSC.

6. Historical Resources. The site is not a historical resource and therefore will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Signature: Kam Purewal

Name & Title: Kam Purewal, Associate Planner
Project Approval Date: November 3, 2026