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: Madera
200 W 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637

From: (Public Agency): Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District
425 N. Gateway, Suite K
Madera CA 93637
(Address)

Project Title: McKinney Ranch Pollinator Habitat Hedgerow Project

Project Applicant: Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
33443- 33693 Avenue 15 Madera, CA 93636; 36.966753 (LAT), -119.925996 (LONG)

Project Location - City: Madera Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The McKinney Ranch Pollinator Habitat Hedgerow Project involves the establishment of approximately 366 linear feet of pollinator habitat hedgerow on privately operated ranchland located along Avenue 15 in Madera County, California.

The project site is situated within a foothill grazing landscape. The purpose of the project is to restore pollinator-supporting vegetation, enhance biodiversity, and incorporate conservation practices into the existing ranch operation. The project is intended to address the decline of native vegetation previously observed on the property while providing habitat for pollinators and other beneficial wildlife.

The project is anticipated to provide ecological benefits over an estimated 10-year project life.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Madera/Chowchilla Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Assoc. of RCD's through Madera/Chowchilla RCD

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: 14 CCR § Section 15304(b) Minor alterations to land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The McKinney Ranch Pollinator Habitat Hedgerow Project is being evaluated for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15304(b) of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land), which includes new gardening and landscaping activities.

The project involves the establishment of approximately 366 linear feet of pollinator habitat hedgerow within an existing ranching operation. The purpose of the project is to enhance biodiversity, restore pollinator-supporting vegetation, and improve habitat conditions within the agricultural landscape.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amy Siliznoff Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (626) 483-1345

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: 11/13/26 Title: Executive Director

Signed by (Lead Agency) Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.