

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Imperial

**From:** (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Bombay Beach Wetland Geotechnical Project (BBW Project)

Project Applicant: California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)

Project Location - Specific:

**Shore of Salton Sea - 33° 21' 21.8" Latitude, -115° 41' 25.7" Longitude**

Project Location - City: Bombay Beach Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The geotechnical site reconnaissance will include temporary disturbance primarily in unvegetated areas for access routes, two (2) bulk soil samples and 16 boreholes, with depth range up to 10' each. Geotechnical information will be used in the design and construction of a proposed 800-acre wetland enhancement project. Measures to avoid impacts include seasonal restrictions on work, avoidance of habitat features, and retaining on-site monitors for biological and cultural resources during all field activities. Boreholes will be refilled with natural material immediately after sample collection.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Audubon California

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: Section 15306, Class 6, Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The use of avoidance measures and on-site biological and cultural resources monitors during field activities would ensure no impacts to sensitive resources would occur, which is in compliance with CEQA Section 15300.2 (Exceptions). Therefore, the project is exempt under Section 15306 which allows for basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and which are undertaken for information gathering purposes.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Heather Leslie Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-695-0034

**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: Heather Leslie Date: 1/11/2024 Title: Assistant General Counsel

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: \_\_\_\_\_