

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Imperial
 940 W. Main Street, Suite 202
 El Centro, CA 92243

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:

Shoreline of Salton Sea, Bombay Beach- Longitude: -115.708594 Latitude: 33.351276

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Audubon is proposing to complete up to 11 soil borings, with diameters of 3.25 to 6 inches each, for the collection of geotechnical soil samples during an investigation of the approximately 266-acre BBW Project Area of Investigation (AOI) owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The geotechnical investigation will last only 4 days in November or December 2024 and have no significant environmental or archaeological impacts.

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: 11/14/2024 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: _____