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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division 1725 23 rd Street, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95816-7100
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Project Title: Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance nesting raptor and bat population surveys, Jawbone-Butterbredt Area of Critical Environmental Concern

Project Applicant: Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance

Project Location – Specific: Jawbone-Butterbredt Area of Critical Environmental Concern

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The grant will fund Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance surveys of nesting raptors (eagles, hawks, and owls) and of bat populations within the Jawbone-Butterbredt Area of Critical Environmental Concern (Jawbone-Butterbredt) with a goal to evaluate effects of current OHV activity on nest and roost sites. Survey methods will be visual for raptors (along transects) and acoustic for bats (using electronic bat detectors); these methods are non-invasive and will not affect the species being surveyed. The grant will primarily fund researchers carrying out the surveys over a 2.5-year period, as well as equipment (bat detection devices) and will not cause a physical change in the environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance

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 (CE).
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Activity not subject to CEQA review. Section 15378 not a CEQA project

Reasons why project is exempt: Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment. A CEQA Exemption Review Form for the project is on file at the OHMVR Division office listed above.

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Signature

Date:

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: MAR 04 2019

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