

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Ventura
800 S Victoria Ave
Ventura, CA 93009

From: (Public Agency): City of Ojai
401 S Ventura St.
Ojai, CA 93023
(Address)

Project Title: Middle Stewart Canyon Creek Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Greg Grant, Public Works Director City of Ojai

Project Location - Specific:

Project begins at 34.445110°, -119.248803° and ends at 34.439833°, -119.248173°

Project Location - City: Ojai, California Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Middle Stewart Canyon Creek Restoration Project (CDFW Proposition 1 grant funded) will transform a 10.8-acre riparian corridor from its current state of near-total coverage by non-native, water-intensive trees and vegetation, to a robust native southern California live oak riparian habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Ojai

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Greg Grant, Public Works Director City of Ojai

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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

15304: Restoration activities do not involve removal of healthy, mature, "scenic" trees. Restoration activities are intended to improve habitat for fish and wildlife resources. Middle Stewart Canyon Creek is designated by NOAA Fisheries as Intrinsic Potential Steelhead habitat and has been identified through agency consultation as steelhead critical habitat.

15307: Project is undertaken by City of Ojai to assure the maintenance, restoration (wildlife habitat), and enhancement (stream flow) of a natural resource (Middle Stewart Canyon Creek riparian zone).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Greg Grant, Public Works Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 646-5581 Ext. 251

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 8-31-2020 Title: Public Works Director, City of Ojai

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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