

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: _____

From: (Public Agency): San Joaquin River Conservancy
5469 E. Olive Ave
Fresno, CA 93727

_____ (Address)

Project Title: Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration Planning and CEQA

Project Applicant: San Joaquin River Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:
Ball Ranch consists of 358 acres located approximately 4.5 miles downriver of Friant Dam in Fresno County.

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
River Partners will be completing multiple planning and permitting-related tasks. The goal of completing these project tasks is to prepare to implement restoration activities at Ball Ranch and the willow unit. The full restoration is 604 acres. The 604 acres will be broken into phases of restoration that are smaller acreages to manage implementation effectively.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin River Conservancy

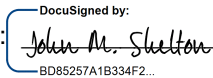
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: River Partners

- 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: 15306, Class 6
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Class 6 projects include those projects that consist of data collection, research, and resource evaluation which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to the environmental resource. This project meets the criteria specified in the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: John M. Shelton Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559)253-7324 x3

- 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: 9/25/2020 Title: Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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