

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay St, 10th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

(Address)

Project Title: Los Cerritos Wetlands Southern Area Planning and Permitting

Project Applicant: California State Coastal Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude N 33.752778, Longitude -118.098746, Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands

Project Location - City: Seal Beach

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

65% planning and permit applications for the restoration of a 100-acre coastal wetland complex in Seal Beach to include subtidal, intertidal and transition zone habitats. Restored habitats provide multiple benefits, including critical habitat for listed species and other fish and wildlife, carbon sequestration, improved flood control, and improved public access to open space. The project facilitates near term restoration of diversity, quality, and connectivity across the range of wetland types extending from subtidal areas to upland transition areas. Restoring ecological condition and function within coastal wetlands will provide a variety of benefits, such as improved habitat for fish and wildlife, enhanced flood protection, increased resiliency to sea-level rise and storm events, and improved water quality. The project is located in the San Gabriel River estuary, a key estuary offering one of the only opportunities for large scale coastal wetlands restoration in Southern California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California State Coastal Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

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: Information Collection (15306)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Exempt under Section 15306 in that the project involves information collection and resource evaluation activities as part of a study leading to an action that has not yet been approved, adopted, or funded by a public agency which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Also statutorily exempt under Section 15262 in that the project is the preparation of design drawings, technical studies, and pre-permit application packages and only involves planning studies and feasibility analyses for future actions that have not yet been approved, adopted or funded.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Joel Gerwein

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-286-4170

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: Joel Gerwein Date: 11/23/2020 Title: South Coast Deputy Program Manager

▪ 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.

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