

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Department of Fish and Wildlife
3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Suite C-220
Ontario, California 91764

(Address)

Project Title: Finney Ramer Management Units Habitat Restoration Project

Project Applicant: River Partners, Julie Rentner-President

Project Location - Specific:

Finney Ramer Units of Imperial Wildlife Area, Lat. 33.097194 Long. -115.530542

Project Location - City: Calipatria Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The funding to begin the Project's planning was provided through California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW's) Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Program. The restoration site is located in Imperial County on the Finney Ramer Management Units (FRMU) of the Imperial Wildlife Area (IWA). The IWA has been owned and managed by CDFW since 1951. The Project involves restoring up to 1,500 acres of FRMU from non-native vegetation to native habitat, including but not limited to desert scrub and riparian woodland. Project activities will consist of installing a drip, sprinkler, or flood irrigation system, removing dense stands of salt cedar (Tamarisk spp.) and planting native vegetation. Ground disturbance activities will be limited to planting potted stock (up to 1-gallon pots), cuttings from various tree species, burying drip irrigation lines, and salt cedar stump removal.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Emma Havstad, 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: Class 4, Section 15304(d) and Class 6, Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas which result in improvement of habitat for wildlife resources. Project also consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Chris Hayes Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760/922/6508

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: 5/27/2021 Title: Environmental Program Manager

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Chris Hayes

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- 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: _____