

# Notice of Exemption

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12/10/2021

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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From: (Public Agency): CA Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Wandern Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition Phase 1

Project Applicant: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude: 37.271020000 Longitude: -119.907315000; Rd 613, Raymond

Project Location - City: Raymond Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project to purchase a conservation easement on a 1,030-acre portion of the Wandern Ranch, in Madera County along Chowchilla River to permanently conserve the oak savanna/woodland, grassland, and riparian habitats that support many species including western pond turtle, Ca. tiger salamander, bald eagle, & other species.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

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: 15325 Class 25; 15313 Class 13
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15325 Class 25: transfer of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve existing natural conditions and historical resources; requires no plan review.

Section 15313.Class 13: Acquisition of lands for wildlife conservation purposes.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Ron Benny Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-6359

**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: Andrea Scharffer Date: 12/10/2021 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

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: \_\_\_\_\_