

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Restoration Plan for the Jalachichi Stock Ponds (Notification of Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. SBA-24368-R5)

Project Location (include county): The overall project encompasses 3 ponds within the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve (Preserve) at 5000 Jalama Road, 10 miles southeast of the City of Lompoc. More specifically the project is located at an unnamed tributary to Jalama Creek, in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.617413, Longitude -120.39810; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 083-530-048.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS Notification No. SBA-24368-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to The Nature Conservancy represented by Laura Riege (Permittee).

The project is the implementation of a restoration plan developed in response to a Cease and Desist Order and a Consent Restoration Order issued by the California Coastal Commission. The restoration plan involves the removal of one pond to transform it back to the seasonal stream it once was including planting native vegetation along the seasonal stream, the lowering of berms around another pond to restore it to the certified water storage volume allowed, and the removal of non-native and invasive vegetation around another pond and replanting with native species.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: The Nature Conservancy represented by Laura Riege

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 21; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is in response to compliance with two orders issued by a regulatory agency (California Coastal Commission) to remove previous violations at the project site and restore native habitat for wildlife resources.

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