

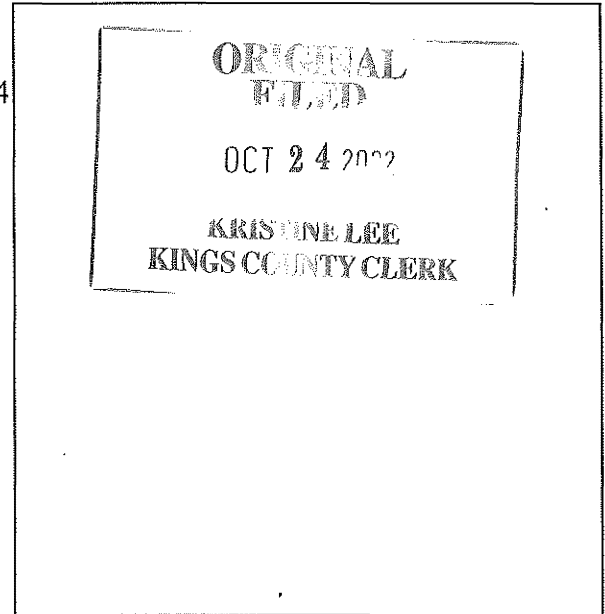
Notice of Exemption

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FROM: Kings County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
680 N. Campus Drive, Suite B
Hanford, CA 93230

PROJECT TITLE:
CDFA 2023 Noxious Weed Grant Program

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:
Kings County

PROJECT LOCATION – City:
N/A Unincorporated areas of Kings County

PROJECT LOCATION - County:
Kings

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
The Kings County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer (Ag. Commissioner) is applying for funding from the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) 2023 Noxious Weed Grant Program (NWGP). The CDFa is offering weed control funding as part of CDFa’s cooperative and comprehensive effort to prevent the introduction of invasive species in the state and to facilitate cost-effective control or eradication of invasive species that have entered or have been established in the state. The NWGP funds allow applicants to implement strategic weed control/abatement projects that protects agriculture, biodiversity, water resources, fire safety and/or climate resiliency. Among the grant eligible costs are: personnel services (i.e., program administration, outreach and education, and surveying and mapping weed populations); supplies; equipment; herbicides, contractors/consultants; travels cost, etc. If successful in receiving funding, the Ag. Commissioner will use the funds to offset (i.e., recover) already incurring costs from the Ag. Commissioner’s weed control/abatement program. The Ag. Commissioner envisions using the funds to apply herbicides to eradicate Alligatorweed on both private property (with permission) and public property within Kings County.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:
Kings County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:
Kings County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, 680 N. Campus Drive, Suite B, Hanford, CA 93230,
(559) 852-2830

EXEMPT STATUS: (*check one*)

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15307 & 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

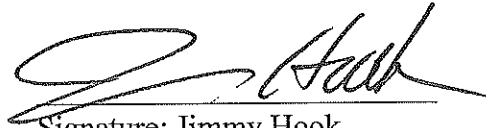
Section 21080(b)(1) of CEQA provides that the Act does not apply to ministerial projects proposed to be carried out or approved by public agencies. Section 15268 of the State CEQA Guidelines states that the determination of what is "ministerial" can most appropriately be made by the public agency involved, and that each public agency should identify or itemize those projects and actions which are deemed ministerial. Pursuant to Kings County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 16-001, RE: Local Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA states that the County's weed abatement program is determined to be ministerial; therefore, the reimbursement of expenses related to the Ag. Commissioners weed control/abatement program from the NWGP is considered a Ministerial Project which is exempt from *CEQA*.

CDFFA's NWGP funding was appropriated through Senate Bill 840 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) for noxious weed abatement. As such, the use of Sections 15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment are also appropriate and applicable.

CONTACT PERSON:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(559) 852-2830



Signature: Jimmy Hook
Title: Kings County Agricultural
Commissioner/Sealer
Date: 10-14-2022

GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTIONS 6103 and 27383

6103 Neither the state nor any county, city, district, or other political subdivision, nor any public officer or body, acting in his or her official capacity on behalf of the state, or any county, city, district, or other political subdivision, shall pay or deposit any fee for the filing of any document or paper, for the performance of any official service, or for the filing of any stipulation or agreement that may constitute an appearance in any court by any other party to the stipulation or agreement. This section does not apply to civil jury fees or civil jury deposits. This section does not apply to the State Compensation Insurance Fund or where a public officer is acting with reference to private assets or obligations that have come under that officer's jurisdiction by virtue of his or her office, or where it is specifically provided otherwise. No fee shall be charged for the filing of a confession of judgment in favor of any of the public agencies named in this section.

No fee shall be charged any of the public agencies named in this section to defray the costs of reporting services by court reporters. Such fees shall be recoverable as costs as provided in Section 6103.5. *(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 218, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2009.)*

27383 No fee shall be charged by the recorder for services rendered to the State, to any municipality, county in the State or other political subdivision thereof, except for making a copy of a paper or record. *(Added by Stats. 1955, Ch. 488.)*