

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Osprey Nesting Platform Transfer

Project Applicant: CDFW
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Project Location - Specific: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (1442 acre), located along the Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach within Orange County, California.

Project Location (County): Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

An existing osprey nesting platform, at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, is currently located on top of a wooden pole underneath electrical power lines. The existing pole will be removed and a new pole will be installed approximately 120 feet northeast of the current location. The nesting platform will be transferred to the new pole location with the project objective to prevent injury and electrocution to wildlife and fire or damage to oil field infrastructure. The total project area is approximately 6 x 6 feet in size and is located 10 feet east of an access road, and 50 feet from the coastal salt marsh. There will be no impacts on the salt marsh.

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

Name of the Person/Agency Carrying Out the Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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 3; Section 15303 (d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Installation of a new pole to relocate an existing osprey nesting platform falls under Class 3, which consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

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