

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve American Unit Fence Project

Project Location: The project is located along one mile of Soda Lake Road and three miles of Sprague Hill Road in the Carrizo Plains area of San Luis Obispo County, in the N ½ Section 24, and along the western boundaries of Sections 16, 21, and 28, T31S R19E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, on the Chimineas Ranch USGS 7.5' quadrangle map.

Project Description: The Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve American Unit Fence Project consists of replacing three miles of barbed-wire fence along Sprague Hill Road on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) property boundary, constructing one mile of new fence and two gates at existing dirt roads along Soda Lake Road, and removing approximately two miles of fence south of Soda Lake Road on the boundaries of Section 24. The new fence along Soda Lake Road will close a gap between existing roadside fences fronting Bureau of Land Management property and allow the removal of fences that are hazards to pronghorn and tule elk. All new fences will be four-strand wire fence, specifically designed for wildlife passage.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

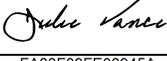
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: This project involve minor alterations and no expansion of use of the existing facilities. The Sprague Hill Road portion is replacement in-place, and the Soda Lake Road portion is a relocation of fence lines to better facilitate wildlife habitat management and protection, and to reduce wildfire risk.

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Signature:  _____ *Date:* 1/19/2023 _____
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