

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Santa Rosa Hills AcquisitionProject Applicant: Oswit Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately one mile east on Gibbel Road from Gibbel Road and State Street south of Hemet, CA, unincorporated area. Riverside Co. Assessor's Parcel Numbers 454-120-042; 454-190-001 to 003.

Project Location – City: Hemet Project Location – County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will acquire 165.33 acres in unincorporated open space near the City of Hemet, Riverside County and within the Sao Jacinto Valley Area Plan of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The project will protect in perpetuity, a foothill area of the San Jacinto Mountains, to prevent development and preserve Riverside sage scrub, coastal sage scrub, wetland, riparian woodland habitats, coast live oak woodland, and rocky outcroppings occupied by sensitive status species including coastal California gnatcatcher, San Diego horned lizard, southern California rufous-crowned sparrow, loggerhead shrike, Cooper's hawk, granite spiny lizard, turkey vulture, coyote, bobcat, and brush rabbit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources AgencyName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Oswit Land Trust

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 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: Larelle Burkham-Greydanus Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6362**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: 1/31/2023 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code