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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: Los Angeles

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

Project Title: Gilmour Ranch Acquisition Project

Project Applicant: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Project Location - Specific: APNs: 3247-024-001, 3247-024-002, 3247-024-003, 3247-024-004, 3247-024-005, 3247-024-006, 3247-024-007, 3247-024-008, 3247-024-009, 3247-026-041, 3247-027-012
Between Lake Piru and Lake Castaic, near end of Gilmour St, near Santa Clarita

Project Location – City: Castaic, unincorporated **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The acquisition of 512 acres of undeveloped open space for conservation. The property supports sensitive habitats and species.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

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 25, Section 15325(a)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is an acquisition of open space and will forever preserve its natural condition, including plant and animal habitats. This type of project falls under Class 25, Section 15325(a)

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ginette Alexander **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 916-902-6423

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:** 2/1/2023 **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