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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: _____

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

(Address)

Project Title: LAX Dunes Habitat Restoration ProjectProject Applicant: Los Angeles Department of Airports dba Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)**Project Location - Specific:**

LAX Dunes Preserve located at the west end of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The authorized staff access point to the preserve is at Waterview Street and Trask Avenue in Los Angeles.

Project Location – City: Los AngelesProject Location – County: Los Angeles**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project is a mitigation measure recommended in the LAX Master Plan's final EIS/EIR adopted in 2004 (SCH 1997061047). The MMRP required replacement of at least 45.43 habitat units within the Los Angeles/El Segundo Dunes to mitigate for the loss of habitat/open space. This project will restore 50 acres of El Segundo Blue Butterfly (ESBB) habitat by removing invasive plant species, planting native Seacliff Buckwheat vital to the federally endangered ESBB population, and installing protective barriers around the new native plants to protect from local wildlife.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources AgencyName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles World Airports**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: § 15301 existing facilities
§ 15304 minor alterations to land

Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves the restoration of native plants on existing landscape with only minor alterations to the condition of land.

Lead AgencyContact Person: Teresa MalloryArea Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 541-5153**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: 2/7/2023 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