

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Central Region  
1234 East Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, California 93710



**Project Title:** Black Lake Wetland Enhancement (Project) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SLO-28566-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project is located within the greater Guadalupe-Nipomo Dune Complex (GNDC), west of Highway 1, south of the City of Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County, California; Section 00, Township 12 North, Range 34, 35, and 36 East; US Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quad Arroyo Grande; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 075-261-005, 075-261-006, 091-141-013, and 075-301-015; GPS coordinates 35.057699, -120.603186.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement Number EPIMS-SLO-28566-R4 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 for The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County's Project. The Project includes activities related to the enhancement of perennial Black Lake, a coastal dune freshwater pond. Activities include the removal of sediment and recontour of banks, treatment of invasive vegetation, and revegetation with special status native plant species. The Project is designed to reverse the effects of sedimentation and hydrophytic vegetation overgrowth to replenish subsurface recharge, thereby preventing habitat conversion to upland characteristics. This Project will directly aid in the recovery of two listed plant species, marsh sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*) and La Graciosa thistle (*Cirsium scariosum* var. *loncholepis*) and will indirectly support other native resident and transient species that occur within the GNDC.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects, "SERP")
- Categorical Exemption.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** See attachment.

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For Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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