

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Ventura

From: (Public Agency): Ventura County RCD
Ventura County Resource Conservation District
3349 Somis Rd, Unit 147, Somis, CA 93066

(Address)

Project Title: King & King Upland Habitat Enhancement Project

Project Applicant: Ventura County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

APN 055026023 & APN 055026024

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to remove the invasive, water-inefficient and fire-prone Arundo donax from a section of the Santa Clara River located on the King & King Ranch property, just outside of the town of Fillmore. This will enhance water availability, mitigate for soil erosion and enhance quality of habitat for native fauna in the region.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Department of Conservation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ventura County Resource Conservation District

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 33, Sec. 15333, Small habitat restoration
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of removing Arundo donax with hand tools from approximately 4 acres in the Santa Clara River. Work will not be done in wetted areas, and proper Section 1602 and Section 401 authorizations will be sought. The project should result in no significant impacts to the land, existing native vegetation or resources. The project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Monica Matthews Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 764-5154

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: Date: 7/27/2023 Title: Conservation Ecologist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: