Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area Vegetation Management

Project Location: The project is located at the San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area, seven miles northwest of San Luis Obispo, on the east side of Highway 1, in San Luis Obispo County, 35.3474795°N, 120.7678891°W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), with the assistance of Cal Fire, plans to apply prescribed fire on approximately 120 acres of the San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area to reduce fuel loading and minimize wildfire risk. The prescribed burn area is within an active sport shooting range and is subject to frequent ignition exposure. Fire control lines would be created and tie into existing features that function as fuel breaks, such as the existing roads.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemptior

□ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 7; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15307 and 757(7)(D). Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources.

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is a regulatory agency action for protection of natural resources, specifically reduction fire risk associated with the facilities activities. Title 14, Section 757(7)(D) specifically includes controlled burning for habitat productivity as an exempt activity for CDFW. None of the exceptions in Section15300.2 apply.

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