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LEAD AGENCY Kern County Fire Department

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PROJECT TITLE San Emigdio Mountains Prescriptive Grazing

PROJECT APPLICANT The Wildlands Conservancy

PHONE NUMBER (909) 797-8507

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 39611 Oak Glen Rd #12

CITY Oak Glen STATE CA ZIP CODE 92399

WORK ORDER # 30-Day Posting 35-Day Posting 45-Day Posting Other

CONTACT PERSON Melissa Dabulamanzi PHONE NUMBER (661) 204-8557 or
661 858-1115

CHECK DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Availability.....No Fee
- Notice of Intent.....No Fee
- Notice of Preparation.....No Fee
- Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- Other.....No Fee
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$3839.25
 - Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number#.....
 - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
 - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$2764.00
 - Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number#.....
 - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
 - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
 - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

Wind Wolves Preserve
Attn: melissa Dabulamanzi

TOTAL \$ \$ 50.00

*Additional copies to be returned to: 16019 Maricopa Hwy Bakersfield, CA 93311

*Method of return: Hold for pick-up/Call # Interoffice Mail

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- JV - Trans Code Dept Fund Expense Key Clerk on 10-25-2023
- Money Order
- Check

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Kern County Clerk
1115 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield CA 93301
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Central Valley Preserves

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

From: The Wildlands Conservancy
39611 Oak Glen Rd.
Bldg 12
Oak Glen, CA 92399

Project Title: San Emigdio Mountains Prescriptive Grazing

Project Location: Wind Wolves Preserve, 16019 Maricopa Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93311

Project Location - City: Bakersfield

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Project: Prescriptive grazing on annual grasslands will occur on 750 acres over two project areas on The Wildlands Conservancy's 93,000 acre Wind Wolves Preserve to reduce flammable fuels at risk of wildfire that threaten Los Padres National Forest, mountain communities, and Preserve visitors. The San Emigdio Canyon project area is 500 acres and is adjacent to Pine Mountain Club. The Tecuya project area is 250 acres and is near the I-5 at the base of the Grapevine, Tejon Ranch, Lebec, and Los Padres National Forest. This includes 6 years of prescriptive grazing, performed for 5 months per year in San Emigdio Canyon (December-April) with cattle and 2 months per year in Tecuya (March-April) with sheep. This landscape grows approximately 3000 lbs/acre of invasive annual grass per year in these locations. Through this project, the target goal is 800 lbs/per acre of residual dry matter by the end of each grazing season.

Name of Responsible Public Agency Approving Project: The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

Name of Lead Public Agency Approving Project: Kern County Fire Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Wildlands Conservancy

Exempt Status: General Rule, Section 15061(b)(2) & (b)(3) and Categorically Exempt, Section 15304

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Section 15061 (b)(2) states "The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2." The Wildlands Conservancy states that

EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS
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REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS | WIND WOLVES PRESERVE

Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on 11-25-2023
and for 30 days thereafter pursuant to
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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Categorical Exemption 15304, otherwise referred to as Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, applies for this project.

Section 15061(b)(3) states "The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." No permanent infrastructure is being installed, the area has historic grazing activities, and the annual grasses grow vigorously during each growing season (winter months). There will be no permanent changes to the landscape.

Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, "consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes." Cattle and sheep will target the invasive annual grasses during their growing season to a targeted level around 800 lbs/acre, leaving dry matter for soil stabilization with substantial fuel reduction. The grazing will target invasive annual grasslands and native plants will not be detrimentally affected.

Contact Person for the Lead Agency: Andrew Kennison (661) 330-0194,
akennison@kerncountyfire.org

Date submitted for filing: October 25, 2023



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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 1/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/25/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24424	

PROJECT TITLE SAN EMIGDIO MOUNTAINS PRESCRIPTIVE GRAZING			
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (909) 797-8507	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 39611 OAK GLEN RD. #12	CITY OAK GLEN	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92399

PROJECT APPLICANT (check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,305.25	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
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 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>M.H.</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE M. HERNANDEZ, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS
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