

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Ventura

From: (Public Agency): State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay St. 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

(Address)

Project Title: Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Project

Project Applicant: State Coastal Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

34.134793,-119.176491

Project Location - City: Oxnard Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will enhance or restore a broad mosaic of native coastal dune, wetland, and upland habitats in a 650-acre area benefiting over 200 migratory bird species along the Pacific Flyaway and 16 federal and state Species of Concern or Fully Protected Species. The project includes improvements to public access that will better support habitat restoration and reduce disturbance to sensitive species.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Coastal Conservancy

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

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects, PRC § 21080.56

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to Department of Fish and Wildlife concurrence, the project 1) is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend, and will restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; 2) has public benefits incidental to the project's fundamental purpose; 3) will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and 4) construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Megan Cooper Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-286-4172

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: Megan Cooper Date: 1/4/2024 Title: Regional Manager

▪ 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: _____