

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  
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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Watershed Restoration Grants Branch  
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**Project Title:** Ormond Beach Perkins Road Area Restoration Project (Project)

**Project Location (Ventura County):** The Project is located on approximately 41.5 acres of both publicly and privately owned coastal wetlands located at 34.138732, -119.185579 in Ventura County, California

**Project Description:** On March 5, 2025, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) executed a \$276,064 grant from the Proposition 68 Restoration Grant Program and the Cannabis Restoration Grant Program to the City of Oxnard for the Project. The Project is designed to benefit coastal wetlands via hydrologic and habitat connectivity across the Ormond Beach area and associated wetland complex. The purpose of the project is to reverse the severe degradation of 41.5 acres of the coastal wetlands; provide habitat for fish and wildlife; improve water quality; and improve habitat resiliency to sea level rise. The Project will restore habitat by removing or controlling invasive and nonnative plant species that are competing with native vegetation and encroaching upon habitat for native plant species, debris removal, native plant enhancement, and monitoring water quality and pollution sources into Ormond Lagoon. This project will also facilitate the access, enjoyment and stewardship of the wetlands by local and disadvantaged communities.

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

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Oxnard

**Exempt Status:**  Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** CDFW has determined that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive. CDFW's determination is supported by (1) State Coastal Conservancy's October 9, 2023 initial determination as lead agency that the Project meets the qualifying criteria set forth in Section 21080.56, subdivisions (a) through (d), inclusive; and (2) pursuant to Section 21080.56, subdivision (e), the CDFW Director's 1/2/2024 concurrence with that State Coastal Conservancy determination, which is available at [wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape/SERP/Concurrences).

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