

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Solano RCD  
1170 North Lincoln Street #110  
Dixon, CA 95620

(Address)

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Bill Emien, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California  
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Project Title: Benicia State Recreation Area Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Project

Project Applicant: Solano Resource Conservation District

**Project Location - Specific:**

Benicia State Recreation Area; Bay Area Ridge and San Francisco Bay Trails from Glen Cove Waterfront Park to Forrest Deaner Native Plant Botanic Garden

Project Location - City: Benicia/Vallejo

Project Location - County: Solano

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the project is to improve pollinator habitat (with an emphasis on monarch butterflies) along one of the hiking trails through the Dillon Point peninsula at Benicia State Recreation Area. Project activities include controlling select non-native invasive weeds, drill-seeding a native wildflower seed mix, planting a hedgerow of native trees, shrubs & forbs along the trail, installing and operating drip irrigation for 3 summers to improve plant establishment, and holding volunteer planting events with local community members and students.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Solano Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Solano 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: 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land; 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Solano RCD staff conducted a biological assessment and determined that project activities will not cause significant adverse impact to special status species. Weed control efforts will be targeted and soil disturbance will be minimal. Repeat plant and wildlife surveys will be conducted prior to any potentially disruptive activities. Planting areas are currently dominated by non-native annual grasses, fennel and thistles and are not managed in any way. The project will enhance the site with native plants that will provide biological diversity and habitat structure for wildlife.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Sarah McKibbin

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-678-1655

**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: *[Signature]*

Date: 12-19-23

Title: Executive Director

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.

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