

# Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of: Kern

From: (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife  
PO Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

(Address)

Project Title: Kern County Raceway

Project Applicant: Wonderful Nut Orchards, LLC, a Delaware corporation

Project Location - Specific:

Kern County Assessor Parcel No. 160-130-36 (portion of the parcel for a total of 41.99 ac)

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Area Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project involves the transfer of development rights to preserve open space for wildlife and habitat conservation purposes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jeff Drongesen, Branch Manager, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch

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: Section 15313, Class 13 and Section 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


A transfer of ownership interest in the land to preserve open space and for wildlife conservation purposes.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jeff Drongesen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 207-2823

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:  Date: 2/23/2024 Title: Branch Manager, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch

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: \_\_\_\_\_