

**Notice of Exemption**



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**Project Title:** Elk Pond Relining

**Project Location:** South Chimineas Unit of the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve, Township 32S Range 18E Section 00, 35.0729215°N, 119.9786716°W.

**Project Description:** This project will reline an existing and currently empty wildlife pond to increase water retention.

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

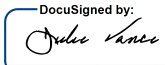
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 (h); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. Existing Facilities

**Reasons why the project is exempt:** This project involves minor alteration of existing facilities with no expansion of use. The existing artificial pond will be relined within its current footprint to improve water retention for the use of tule elk and other wildlife. None of the exceptions in Section 15300.2 apply.

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