

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Fresno

2281 Tulare Street

Fresno, CA 93721

**From:** (Public Agency): Sierra Resource Conservation District  
P.O. Box 693 Auberry, CA 93602

(Address)

Project Title: Creek Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition

Project Applicant: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

APNs 300-090-22, 300-062-005, 300-090-16, 300-062-22, and 300-090-34

Project Location - City: Prather

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A conservation easement will be placed on the Creek Ranch, a 310 acre property, to prevent development, protect and conserve open space, water resources, natural habitat, working land and rural character. The beneficiaries of the project include the residents of Fresno County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Foothill 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: 15313, 15325 - Class 13 & 25

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition and acceptance of a conservation easement to protect land in order to maintain the open space and rural character of the community. The project is exempt based on Section 15325 allowing transfer of ownership to preserve open space and natural or historical resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kelly Kucharski

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**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: 06/20/2024 Title: District 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: \_\_\_\_\_