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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E 7/23/2024

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

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Protection of North Coyote Valley Floodplain to Reduce Downstream Flooding in Urban San Jose

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Project Location - Specific:
NW corner of Bailey Avenue and Santa Teresa Blvd., South San Jose

Project Location – City: San Jose Project Location – County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Acquisition of 377 acres within the Coyote Valley floodplain (APNs 708-30-008, -018, -014, -017, -019, -016, -015, 708-28-004, 708-25-007) for permanent protection with a Conservation Easement retained by Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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));

☒ Categorial Exemption. State type and section number: 15313 for wildlife conservation purposes and 15325(a) to preserve natural conditions

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The acquisition of the property will preserve the existing natural conditions, including animal habitats

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jen Metes Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-524-3555

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: Andrea Schaffer Date: 7/29/2024 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code