

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Tulare
 221 S. Mooney Blvd.
 Visalia, CA 93291-4593

From: (Public Agency): Pixley Irrigation District
357 E. Olive Avenue
Tipton, CA 93272
 (Address)

Project Title: Capinero Creek Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust

Project Location - Specific:
 475 ac. located 5,110 ft. west of Rd. 84 and 5,276 ft. east of Rd. 64, running 2,679 ft. a

Project Location - City: Pixley Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
 Restoration of 475 acres of San Joaquin Desert upland and alkali scrub habitat for endangered species, providing benefits to local disadvantaged communities, farmers and GSA by elimination of ground water supply usage; improved soil health, air quality and water quality, while restoring a functioning sustainable ecosystem capable of supporting native wildlife species, including kangaroo rat, Tipton kangaroo rat, blunt-nose leopard lizards, and San Joaquin kit fox.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Pixley Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust

- 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: _____
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15282 Pub. Resource Code, 21080.56 subd. (e).

- Reasons why project is exempt:
- 1) Results in long-term net benefit to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recover.
 - 2) Includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Eric Limas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-686-4716

- 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: 8/9/2024 Title: General Manager

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.