

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

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

(Address)

Project Title: Carbon Farm Planning & Habitat Implementation on the Ruth McKenzie Preserve

Project Applicant: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve – 22477 Auberry Rd, Clovis, CA 93619. Township

Project Location - City: Clovis Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Resource Conservation District (SRCD) will work with the Sierra Foothill Conservancy to enhance habitat and restore native vegetation on the Ruth McKenzie Preserve. The work will include invasive species removal, seeding native grass, applying compost to rangeland, and restoring riparian areas with native plants. The project will create more habitat for pollinators, reduce erosion, and enhance the water holding capacity of the soil at the preserve. The project site is located in the foothills region off of Auberry Rd in 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: Section 15304 which exempts minor alterations to the land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

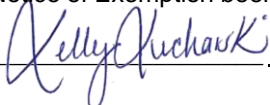
Reasons why project is exempt:

The SRCD has consulted with Sierra Foothill Conservancy staff, including their specialist in native plant restoration Rangeland Program Manager (CRM, CPRM) and have determined that this project does not adversely impact soil, water or endangered, rare or threatened, biological resources or their habitats. The project will use practices that do not adversely affect archaeological resources and known sites will be avoided.

Lead Agency Kelly Kucharski Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559)-855-5840
Contact Person: _____

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: 09/23/2024 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: _____