

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Landscape Restoration and Rehydration Project (Request No. 1652-2024-077-001-R5)

Project Applicant: Jesse Smith, White Buffalo Land Trust

Project Location: The Project is located at 3625 Jalama Road within the City of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County. The Project is located approximately 4.2 miles south of the City of Lompoc at the approximate coordinates 34.5681521, -120.4537438, in the Salsipuedes Watershed.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the Landscape Restoration and Rehydration Project submitted by Jesse Smith, White Buffalo Land Trust.

The Project includes activities that will enhance native habitat through uplift of wetlands, native seeding, riparian buffer planting, and erosion control. Habitat complexity will be increased by creating a keyline pond that retains water on the landscape and allows for increased infiltration. The Project area will be seeded with native vegetation and the existing riparian zone will be enhanced through planting of riparian species. Establishment of native tree and shrub species in the Project area will increase cover for wildlife species and increase biodiversity. Specifically, the Project will provide a net benefit to Crotch's Bumblebee (*Bombus crotchii*; California Endangered Species Act candidate species) through the planting of native flowering plants that offer foraging opportunities. The Project is 4.74 acres and 447 linear feet of stream bank.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Jesse Smith, White Buffalo Land Trust

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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