

Notice of Exemption

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| <p>To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 County Clerk County of: _____ _____ _____</p> | <p>From: (Public Agency): <u>California Natural Resources Agency</u> <u>715 P Street, 20th Floor</u> <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u> (Address)</p> |
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Project Title: Creek Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition

Project Applicant: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:
 APNs 300-090-22, 300-090-16, 300-062-005, 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: California Natural Resources Agency

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: Class 13, Sec. 15313; Class 25, Sec. 15325
 - 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: Ron Benny Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6359

- 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: 1/29/2025 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