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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: _____

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

Project Title: Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo Greenway Phase III

Project Applicant: Amigos de los Rios

Project Location - Specific:
This linear project's northern starting point is at Peck Road Water Conservation Park in Arcadia extending south to Valley Boulevard in El Monte along the east bank of the Rio Hondo.

Project Location – City: El Monte Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
A project to plant approximately 200 trees and 2,000 plants along 2.6 miles of existing multipurpose trail and Class I bike path. The project also includes installation of enhanced visitor amenities such as benches and interpretive signage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amigos de los Rios

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: Class 1, 15301 and Class 4, 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Existing facilities (improvements to an existing multipurpose trail) and minor alterations to land (new landscaping)

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: 2/19/2025 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