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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: Lotus View Ranch Conservation Easement Project

Project Applicant: American River Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:
104-070-005, 104-370-024, 104-370-031, 104-080-001, 104-080-011, 104-070-032; 1.5 miles south of HWY 49-Salmon Falls Rd intersection; T 11N., R 9E., Sections 5,7,8,17,18

Project Location – City: Pilot Hill Project Location – County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Acquisition of a conservation easement on 1,005 acres of oak woodland, riparian, and grassland habitat in the American River watershed for the preservation of wildlife habitat, cultural resources, watershed protection, and conservation of agricultural lands.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: American River 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));
- ☒ Categorial Exemption. State type and section number: Class 13, Section 15313
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes.

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 Scharffer 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