



**Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District**

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**CEQA Notice of Exemption**

**To:** County Clerk  
County of San Luis Obispo  
1055 Monterey Street, Room D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**From:** Upper Salinas-Las Tablas  
Resource Conservation District  
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The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**Project Title:** Nursery Development and Road Clearing at Willow Creek Conservancy

**Project Applicant:** Brian Keely, Conservancy Steward  
Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (US-LT RCD)  
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**Project Location:** 1380 Willow Creek Road, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County

**Project Description:** The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (USLT RCD) will work with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to begin the establishment of an on-site nursery shade house, reduce fuel loads along established dirt roadways, and implement habitat restoration in de-forested areas.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** US-LT RCD

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** US-LT RCD

**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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, 15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project will treat areas less than 5 acres and is designed to minimize the risks and hazards associated with potential wildfire and threats to natural resources. Healthy, mature, scenic trees will not be removed in this process. The construction of a shade house will allow the propagation and establishment of native plants for restoration work throughout the County. Enhancement of deforested areas with native species will increase biodiversity and compete with non-native plant species. There will be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species.

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