

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): State Coastal Conservancy  
1515 Clay St, 10th Floor  
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County Clerk  
County of: Humboldt  
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(Address)

Project Title: Lower Eel River Wetlands Acquisition

Project Applicant: State Coastal Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

APNs 106-091-040, 200-362-005, 106-091-044

Project Location - City: Fortuna Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Land Acquisition to the City of Fortuna with a later and partial land transfer to the Wiyot Tribe. The project includes pre-acquisition costs, design, and management planning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California State Coastal Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Fortuna

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: 15306, 15316
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.28, 15262

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 21080.28 - This statutory exemption applies even if physical changes to the environment or changes in the use of land are a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the acquisition, provided that environmental review otherwise required by this division occurs before any project approval that would authorize physical changes being made to that land. In this case, there will be compliance with CEQA before any physical changes are made to the property.

Section 15262 - The proposed planning consists of preparing (1) initial plans and designs for the future park on the City's 7.2 acres of upland; and (2) a management plan for access and future restoration on the Tribe's 230 acres.

Section 15306 - the data collection and resource evaluation components of the project will not cause major or serious disturbance to the environment.

14 CCR Section 15316 - The proposed project will transfer land in its natural condition to the City of Fortuna to plan a park for which a management plan has not yet been prepared.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Morgan Wright Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 341-699-7427

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: [Signature] Date: 4/17/25 Title: Executive Office

■ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_