

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



TO:

FROM:

County Clerk

City of Santa Clarita

County of Los Angeles

Community Development

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23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite #302

Norwalk, CA 90650

Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE:

April 23, 2025

PROJECT NAME:

Acquisition and Preservation of the Vasquez Canyon Ranch for Open Space Purposes

PROJECT APPLICANT:

City of Santa Clarita, Neighborhood Services Department
(Contact: Susan Nelson; 661.290.2234)

PROJECT LOCATION:

Assessor's Parcel Numbers 2813-013-032, 2813-013-033, 2813-014-003,
2813-015-008, 2813-015-010, 2813-015-014, 2813-015-015, and
2813-016-011

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Santa Clarita is purchasing real property for the purpose of establishing and fortifying a green belt buffer on the northeastern edge of the Santa Clarita Valley, consisting of approximately 457 acres of real property in the County of Los Angeles. The acquisition would preserve natural land from development, create more open space for outdoor recreation, and protect rare biological and geological regions, will contribute towards establishing a green belt from the north towards the east of the Santa Clarita Valley, and will enhance trail connectivity in the area.

This is to advise that the Director of Public Works Planning Commission City Council of the City of Santa Clarita has approved the above project on April 22, 2025. Review of the project by the Department of Community Development found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

EXEMPT STATUS: The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Article 19, Section 15313 (Class 13); Section 15317 (Class 17); and Section 15325 (Class 25). A Class 13 exemption consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, including preserving access to public lands and waters where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition. A Class 17 exemption consists of the acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of the area. A Class 25 exemption consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources.

Person or agency carrying out the project: City of Santa Clarita, Neighborhood Services Department.

This is to certify that the Notice of Exemption with comments/responses and record of project approval is available for public review at:

City of Santa Clarita
Community Development Department
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Signature: