

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (Public Agency)	Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Address: 25864-K Business Center Drive Redlands, CA 92374	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk County of: San Bernardino

1.	Project Title:	Greater Prado Basin Habitat Conservation Plan
2.	Project Applicant:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
3.	Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Project is mapped on the U.S. Geological Survey Guasti, Prado, Ontario, and Corona North Calif. 7.5-minute topographical quadrangle(s) within Ranges 6, 7 West; Township 2 South. The Habitat Conservation Plan area is broadly bordered by Highway 71 to the west, Highway 15 to the east, Highway 91 to the south, and Highway 10 to the north.
4.	(a) Project Location – City: Ontario, Chino, Chino Hills, Norco, Pomona; CA (b) Project Location County: San Bernardino	
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	For this project, IERCD will be working with the City of Ontario on purchasing, acquiring, conserving land that is suitable or potentially suitable habitat for Burrowing owls and/or other native wildlife across the Chino Basin and Greater Prado area. Target land(s) will be preserved and enhanced by IERCD through acquisition, easement placement, or other means to ensure that the key habitats are beneficial for target wildlife species. Lands identified for inclusion in the Habitat Conservation Plan will be preserved and managed in perpetuity by IERCD. On November 9 th , 2023, the IERCD Board of Directors approved the Project.
6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
7.	Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	(a) Ministerial project. <input type="checkbox"/> (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268) (b) Not a project. <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Emergency Project. <input type="checkbox"/> (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Date Received for Filing: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Signature: _____
Date: 11-9-23
Title: District Manager

11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13.	Was a public meeting held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, the date of the public meeting was: <u>November 9th, 2023</u>
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Mandy Parkes
	Telephone:	(909) 799 - 7407
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The basis for the District's determination that the project is exempt is detailed below:</p> <p>State CEQA Guidelines, §15304 - Minor Alterations to Land: The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15304, which applies to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.</p> <p>This project will consist of maintaining intact lands already suitable for target species and uplifting habitat to benefit target species which will only require minor alterations to land. The project will not consist of removing mature and/or scenic trees.</p> <p>State CEQA Guidelines, §15313 - The acquisition of land for fish and wildlife conservation purposes: The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15313, which consists of actions taken to acquire or restrict use of available lands for the preservation of fish and wildlife habitats, establishment of ecological reserves and preservation of access to public lands and waters so as to keep the land in its natural condition.</p>
	(g) Other. Explanation:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(f) Statutory Exemption.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(e) Declared Emergency.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(d) Categorical Exemption.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	State type and section number:	Class 4 - §15304 Minor Alteration to Land
		Class 13 - §15313 Acquisition of land for fish and wildlife conservation purposes
		(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))