

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**  
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**From:**  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Project Title:** Amendment to Buckeye Ranch Safe Harbor Agreement for Large-flowered Fiddleneck

**Project Location:** The Project is located on a property owned by Mr. E. Greg Kent that consists of approximately 864 acres (County Assessor Parcel Number 267-11-002) located along and bisected by South Bird Road in the southwestern corner of San Joaquin County, approximately 15 miles southwest of the City of Tracy, California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is amending a Safe Harbor Agreement that was provided to Mr. Kent pursuant to the California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act for participation in a project to aid the recovery of the California-endangered large-flowered fiddleneck (*Amsinckia grandiflora*).

The Project that Mr. Kent is participating in is being implemented by Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting (VNLC) and is funded by the Central Valley Project Conservation Program. The VNLC project involves the propagation and introduction of large-flowered fiddleneck to sites within the species' presumed historic range. Habitat modeling and focused field surveys by VNLC have revealed that much of the potentially suitable habitat for large-flowered fiddleneck occurs on privately-owned land. Successful introduction of large-flowered fiddleneck therefore depends on cooperation with private landowners. Two of the most promising introduction sites identified by VNLC are on the property owned by Mr. Kent.

VNLC has introduced large-flowered fiddleneck seeds and seedlings to Mr. Kent's property and has implemented management and monitoring of the introduced population.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife is amending the Safe Harbor Agreement to change the expiration date from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2021.

**California Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Mr. E. Greg Kent

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial;  
 Declared Emergency;  
 Emergency Project;  
 Categorical Exemption: sections 15306, 15307 and 15333; classes 6, 7, and 33

**Reasons why project is exempt:** See attachment.

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**Date:**

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Signed by Lead Agency

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