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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612-1401

(Address)

Project Title: Youth in Wilderness Program - Wilderness Watersheds Project

Project Applicant: Ventana Wilderness Alliance

Project Location - Specific:

Vicente Flat Campground in Hare Canyon

Project Location - City: Big Sur

Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project provides a unique, no-cost, introductory wilderness immersion experience though overnight backpacking trips in the Ventana and Silver Peak Wilderness. Youth participants from communities of color in Monterey County are introduced to local public lands and the Big Sur coast.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Coastal Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ventana Wilderness Alliance

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: 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is categorically exempt under 14 CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operations of the coastal locations that will be visited with no expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Fanny Yang

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-286-2238

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: _____ **Date:** 08/26/2019 **Title:** Project Development Analyst

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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