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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): _____
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, Rm 1311, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Caliente Creek Acquisition Project

Project Applicant: The Trust for Public Land

Project Location - Specific:

Kern County APN's: 442-010-10, 442-020-20, 442-030-01

Project Location - City: Near Lake Isabella Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to acquire the 1,440-acre Caliente Creek property to preserve it in its existing natural state, and for the conservation and open space purposes. The property will be owned and managed by the Prairie Falcon Conservancy.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Trust for Public Land, Alex Size, Project Manager

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: 15313(a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

The acquisition of the 1,440-acre Caliente Creek property is exempt under both Sec. 15313 and Sec. 15325. Acquisition would preserve existing natural conditions and protect meaningful habitat for wildlife. The property is specifically included in the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's Canebrake Conceptual Area Protection Plan due to its important natural resources and habitats, and benefits to surrounding conservation lands.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Becki Abrams Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-651-2482

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: 2/11/2020 Title: Assistant Secretary

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: _____

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