

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency):
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth St, Ste 1311, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Esselen Tribal Lands Conservation Project, Adler Ranch Big Sur, CA

Project Applicant: Esselen Tribe of Monterey County

Project Location - Specific:

0 Palo Colorado Road, Monterey, CA (Lat. 36.353754000, Long. -121.828691000)

Project Location - City: Unincorp. Monterey Co. Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Acquire the 1,199-acre Adler Ranch to protect Native American cultural resources as well as natural resources including ridgeline grasslands, mixed oak forest, coastal redwood stands and one mile of the North Fork Little Sur River.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Esselen Tribe of Monterey County

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15325. Class 25 (a) (e)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP OF INTEREST IN LAND TO PRESERVE EXISTING NATURAL CONDITIONS AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES. The transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources including acquisition, sale, or other transfer of areas to (a) preserve the existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats and (e) to preserve historical resources.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Diane Sousa Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-654-9923

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: Bryan Cash Date: 2/10/2020 Title: Assistant Secretary

[X] 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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