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**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

Environmental Filing

12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2001

**From:** Mountains Restoration Trust  
23075 Mulholland Highway  
Calabasas, CA 91302

(Address)

Project Title: La Sierra Public Access Project

Project Applicant: Mountains Restoration Trust

Project Location - Specific:

La Sierra Preserve - LA County APN's 4464-009-002, 2058-017-009

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Mountains Restoration Trust will acquire a 75-acre property consisting of two parcels (LA County APN's: 4464-009-002 & 2058-017-009) located in the Santa Monica Mountains northwest of Los Angeles.

Mountains Restoration Trust will hold the property in fee for habitat protection and recreation purposes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mountains Restoration Trust

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: Sections 15313, 15316, 15325
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

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Lead Agency

Contact Person: Maria Garcia Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-462-2122

**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:  Digitally signed by Kevin Gaston  
Date: 2020.04.21 14:46:53 -07'00' Date: 4/21/20 Title: Dir. Planning & Strategy

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: **APR 21 2020**

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## Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with Section 15313 Class 13 of the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The acquisition of land is consistent with Class 13 which provides for acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes including (a) preservation of fish and wildlife habitat, (b) establishing ecological reserves under Fish and Game Code Section 1580, and (c) preserving access to public lands and water where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition.

The proposed project is also consistent with Section 15316 Class 16 (b) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The acquisition of land is consistent with Class 16 which provides for acquisition, sale or other transfer of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition or contains historical or archaeological resources, including Class 16 (b) where the management plan proposes to keep the area in a natural condition or preserve the historic or archaeological resources. CEQA will apply when a management plan is proposed that will change the area from its natural condition or cause substantial adverse change in the significance of the historic or archaeological resource.

The proposed project is also consistent with Section 15325 Class 25 (a) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The acquisition of land is consistent with Class 25, which provides for transfers of ownership in interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat or historical resources. This includes Class 25 (a), which provides for acquisition, sale or other transfer to preserve the existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats.