**COUNTY RECORDER**Filing Requested by:

**Yolo County Department of Community Services** 

Name

292 West Beamer Street

Address

Woodland, CA 95695

City, State, Zip

Attention: Casey Liebler, Natural Resources Planner

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## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

Yolo County Clerk-Recorder 625 Court Street, Room B-01 Woodland, CA 95695

Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814 From:

Yolo County Department of Community Services Natural Resources Division 292.West Beamer Street Woodland, CA 95695

Project Title: Gordon Slough Vegetation Enhancement Project

Project Location - Specific: Cache Creek Nature Preserve (APN 025-360-064; 34199 County Road 20, Woodland, CA 95695)

Project Location - City/County: Woodland/Yolo County

**Description of nature and purpose of the Project:** The Cache Creek Conservancy is proposing to remove invasive plants in Gordon Slough. There is an area within the slough that is infested primarily by Himalayan blackberry, which contributes to flooding risks in the slough. Further upstream in the slough, an erosion repair project is occurring to stabilize the slough from damage that occurred in 2019. After the invasives are removed, the site will be revegetated with willows and other appropriate native plants to reestablish native habitat in the area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yolo County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cache Creek Conservancy (Nancy Ullrey, Executive Director)

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemptions: 15304 - Alterations to Land; 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects

Reasons why project is exempt: The Gordon Slough Vegetation Enhancement Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15034, Class 4, which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, as well as CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Class 33, which consists of projects smaller than five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, and wildlife. The minor land alterations proposed by the project consist of mechanical removal of invasive species and restoration of the site post-removal with planting of native species. Additionally, the project site is smaller than five acres and is intended to reestablish native species in an area dominated by invasive species. The project would not result in significant adverse effects on the environment or any exceptions to the exemptions.

Signature (Lead Agency)

Name/Title:

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