



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN

**DELTA CONSERVANCY**

*A California State Agency*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY**

**FINDING THE MELLO/JENSEN HEIRS SANDHILL CRANE PRESERVATION PRESERVE CONSERVATION  
EASEMENT PROJECT EXEMPT UNDER CEQA**

**WHEREAS**, the Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Conservation Easement project (Project) will preserve Sandhill Crane habitat by placing a conservation easement on 275 acres of farmland on Tyler Island in Sacramento County; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorically exempts certain projects from environmental review, including acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, including preservation of fish and wildlife habitat; acquisition, sale, or other transfer of areas to preserve the existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats; and acquisition, sale, or other transfer of areas to allow continued agricultural use of the areas, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 Section 15313, subsection (a), and Section 15325, subsections (a) and (b); and

**WHEREAS**, CEQA provides that if a project is categorically exempt, environmental review is not required, provided that certain identified exceptions to the exemption are not triggered (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15300.2).

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy is the lead agency on the Project, and its governing board is the decision-making body for the proposed Project; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6(a)(2), the documents which constitute the record for the Project are located at the offices and the website of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and may be inspected by any person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy finds, based on the whole record before it in its independent judgment, that the Project is exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19 Section 15313, subsection (a),

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and Section 15325, subsections (a) and (b) and that there are no exceptions, including unusual circumstances, that apply to the Project nor any evidence to suggest that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY BOARD THIS March 25, 2020.**

**VOTE**

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

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Leo Winternitz, Board Vice-Chair