

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta C
1450 Halyard Dr. Suite #6
West Sacramento, Ca 95691

(Address)

Project Title: Delta Rice Conversion Program

Project Applicant: The Nature Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

Sacramento County, San Joaquin County, Contra Costa County, Solano County, Yolo County

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

the Delta Rice Conversion Program will support conversion of up to 7,500 acres of agriculture in the Delta to wildlife-friendly rice. Rice cultivation slows subsidence, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and provides ecosystem benefits, particularly for migratory birds, compared to non-rice row crops.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Nature Conservancy

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: Section 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

There will be no expansion of use, as farming activities have been established practices at the potential project locations. Conversion to rice does not result in physical changes to the environment, damage to scenic resources, historic resources or create significant environmental or cumulative impacts, due to being implemented on existing farms.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dr. Rachel Wigginton Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-634-3682

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: 10/25/2023 Title: Board Chair

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: _____