

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of:

From: (Public Agency): State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay St, Fl. 10
Oakland, CA 94612

(Address)

Project Title: Ocean Connectors: Connecting Youth for Conservation

Project Applicant: The Ocean Foundation

Project Location - Specific:
National City

Project Location - City: National City Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project provides underserved students from third through seventh grade living in National City free marine science education. The project consists of coastal excursions, peer-to-peer learning, and hands-on lessons to engage youth in exploring the coast.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California State Coastal Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ocean Connectors

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: 14 CCR Section 15301 and 15304
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is categorically exempt under 14 CCR Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) because it involves regular operation of the coastal locations that will be visited with no expansion of use. Invasive species removal and native species planting are also categorically exempt under 14 CCR Section 15304 (Minor Alterations of Land) because they are landscaping activities that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Rodrigo Garcia Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-286-0316

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: Rodrigo Garcia Date: 8/23/2019 Title: Project Support Analyst

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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