

CEQA Notice of Exemption

#18-001

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

From: Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District  
820 Bay Avenue, Suite 128  
Capitola, CA 95010

County Clerk  
County of San Benito  
440 Fifth Street Second Floor, Room 206  
Hollister, CA 95023

**FILED**  
IN SAN BENITO COUNTY

JAN - 8 2018

JOE PAUL GONZALEZ COUNTY CLERK  
BY *Marissa Castillo*  
DEPUTY CLERK  
Project

Project Title: Pajaro Watershed Toxicity Reduction Project (hereinafter referred to as "Project")

Project Locations – Specific: Pajaro Watershed HUC # 1806002

Project Locations - County: Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Pajaro River Watershed is approximately 1,300 square miles spanning portions of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey Counties. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) have been adopted for the organophosphates chlorpyrifos and diazinon for the Pajaro River watershed, while impacts due to pyrethroids, legacy pesticides and other current-use pesticides have also been documented. The purpose of this project is to reduce pesticide loading and toxicity to impaired surface waters in the Pajaro River watershed through the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) that are proven to reduce pesticide loading. This project will implement BMPs designed to reduce pesticide use and/or reduce off-site movement of pesticides. Examples of BMPs may include but are not limited to: integrated pest management, hedgerows, cover crop, insectary plantings, sprayer equipment calibration and equipment upgrades, bug vacuums, sediment traps, vegetated treatment, or activated carbon filtration.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: RCDSCC

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 (Sec. 15301 Class 1; 15303 Class 3; 15304 Class 4)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

**SAN BENITO COUNTY CLERK - RECORDER**  
RECEIVED: 01-08-2018  
REMOVE: 03-08-2018 SCAN: JAN 08 2018

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities as the project consists of minor alterations of existing equipment and existing structures with negligible expansion of an existing use. Examples of relevant activities include improvements to existing irrigation equipment or pesticide application equipment to benefit water quality.

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sec. 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure as the project consists of installation of small new equipment and small structures. Examples of relevant activities include installation of new irrigation equipment or small structures to filter and treat agricultural runoff.



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

# 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/15/15) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: <b>35-20180108-001</b>
STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (If applicable)

LEAD AGENCY <b>Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>1/8/2018</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>San Benito</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>18-001</b>	
PROJECT TITLE <b>Pajaro Watershed Toxicity Reduction Project</b>		
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>James McKenna</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(831) 464-2950</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>820 Bay Ave STE 128</b>	CITY <b>CAPITOLA</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>95010</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|------------|----|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$3,159.75 | \$ | \$0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$2,274.75 | \$ | \$0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)  |            | \$ | \$0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee   |            |    |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |    |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |    |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |    |         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board) only |            | \$ | \$0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   | \$50.00    | \$ | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |            | \$ | \$0.00  |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other \_\_\_\_\_ 140    
 Total Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE <i>x Marissa Castillo</i>	PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Marissa Castillo - Deputy County Clerk
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