

Notice Of Exemption

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To: [X] Office of Planning and Research State
State Clearinghouse
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Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

[ ] County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: James Croft

Project Title: Grasslands Water Improvement Efficiency Project Augmentation

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Los Banos Wildlife Area, North Grasslands Wildlife Area, Volta Wildlife Area

Project Location - City: 10 miles North of Los Banos, CA

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will improve water conveyance, supply, habitat, and management capabilities at 3 state wildlife area sites: Los Banos WA, North Grasslands WA, and Volta WA. This work will provide water control and monitoring infrastructure and ultimately improve 24,256 acres of habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- [ ] Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
[ ] Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
[ ] Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
[X] Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Section 15304, Class 04 Minor Alterations to Land

[ ] Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines (CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land.) The project will consist of minor alterations to land, and there will be no negative impacts to the physical environment that would reduce its ability to produce native or agricultural plants.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

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? [X] Yes (by this notice) [ ] No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 5/22/19

Title: Executive Director

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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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