

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Conservation Board
Mailing address: P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Jasen Yee

Project Title: Montecito Ranch

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: South of State Route 78, North and West of Montecito Way, Community of Ramona, Unincorporated County of San Diego. APNs: 279-071-26; 279-072-01 thru 18, 27 thru 34; 279-093-10, 37, 38; 280-010-03, 08, 09; 280-030-04 thru 06, 10, 15, 24, 25; 280-031-01 thru 07; 281-521-01 thru 03

Project Location – City: Community of Ramona

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the project is to acquire approximately 955± acres of land to protect coastal sage scrub, grasslands, chaparral, woodland, and vernal pools that provide habitat for the federally endangered Stephen’s Kangaroo rat and other sensitive species.

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. 15073):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15071 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15071 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
Section 15313, Class 13 and Section 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

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? Yes (by this notice) No

Signature: John P. Donnelly
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Date: 2/28/2020

Title: Executive Director

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.

Date received for Filing:

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