

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Celestial Reysner

Project Title: Eel River WLA, Ocean Ranch Unit, Planning and Design, Augmentation, Project ID: 2020078

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Located on the Ocean Ranch Unit of the Eel River Wildlife Area, extending along the north spit of the Eel River estuary until it meets Table Bluff at the south end of Humboldt Bay.

Project Location: City: 4 miles NW of Loleta, CA **Project Location: County:** Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To develop a final restoration design, complete the environmental review, and prepare permit applications to prepare for implementation to restore 473 acres of functioning tidal wetlands and 329 acres of coastal dunes in the Eel River estuary, which will aid in the recovery of listed fish and special-status plant 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:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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:  FFB2B729029842B...

Date: 8/26/2020

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:

cc: WCB Binder
WCB Surname
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