

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 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Kurt Malchow

Project Title: Large Tree Mapping Across the Sierra Nevada, Project ID: 2020114

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: The project study area consists of all counties across the Sierra Nevada, plus the east side of Lake Tahoe: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.

Project Location – Nearest city: Multiple

Project Location - Counties: Multiple

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to identify the locations of large trees, quantify their functional value for carbon storage and wildlife, use machine learning to model their biophysical environment and predict likely locations for large trees in the future, and use a landscape simulation model to determine the effects of treatments on the distribution of large trees across a 1 million hectare subregion and assess their variability under climate change.

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)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

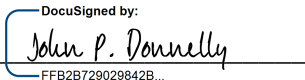
Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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

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Signature: 
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Date: 11/18/2020

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.

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