

Notice Of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State
State Clearinghouse
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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1, Attn: Regional Manager
601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Project Title: Butte Valley Wildlife Area Solar Project
Project Location – Specific: Butte Valley Wildlife Area
Project Location – City: Macdoel, CA

Project Location – County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will involve installation of a ground mount solar array, and security fencing, on the state-owned wildlife area. The project footprint will be approximately +/- 1.5 acres (array and fencing) in size. Projects components will include mowing the footprint of the new solar array, minor leveling/smoothing (0.5' in depth) of the mowed footprint, installation of galvanized ground mount poles, attachment of panels/inverters/electrical to the ground mount panels, and trenching (approximately 30" deep) to run underground electrical wire connections from the new solar array to a nearby meter.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Waterfowl Association

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. Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project involves the installation of a solar array and protective fencing that may result in minor public alteration to the condition of land that does not include removal of healthy, mature or scenic trees or the disturbance of know archeological sites. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, the array will help to offset yearly deep well pumping costs incurred by CDFW during flood up of wetland habitat on the wildlife area. The goal of the project is to offset approximately \$30,000-\$40,000 in yearly pumping costs, allowing CDFW to improve habitat quality on the property for multiple species of wildlife.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joseph Croteau

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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: 

Date: 12/17/2020 Title Environmental Program Manager:

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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