

# Notice Of Exemption

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research State  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 [IMS: A-08]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
1234 E. Shaw Ave  
Fresno, CA 93710

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

**Attention:**

**Project Title:** Los Banos WA and North Grasslands WA Public Access Project

**Project Applicant:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Project Location - Specific:** APN: 070-202-012, 073-160-001, 454-030-003

**Project Location - City:** Los Banos

**Project Location - County:** Merced

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project will seek to improve public land access on the Los Banos Wildlife Area (LBWA) and the Gadwall Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Area (NGWA). The project will be composed of 4 main tasks including: graveling a public access trail, paving a hunter parking lot, installing a pergola, and installing a new public access kiosk with updated educational panels and additional signage.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Scott Capra, California Waterfowl Association

**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: Section 15304, Class 04, Minor Alterations to Land.

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Project is exempt because it will only have minor alterations to land which is currently disturbed/developed.. This project will not impact any historical sites or habitat.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Julie Vance

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (559) 243-4005

**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: 1/27/2021

Title: Regional 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.

**Date received for Filing:**

cc: **John Donnelly, WCB**  
**Sean Allen**