

# 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:** Protecting Central Coast Habitat for Listed Plant Species

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location - Specific:** Project area center point is Latitude 35.509768, Longitude -120.479836

**Project Location – Nearest city:** N/A

**Project Location - Counties:** Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This project will plan climate-smart invasive plant management on the Central Coast to improve climate resilience of fifty federally listed and candidate species and sensitive habitats.

**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

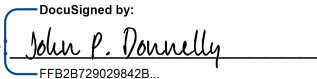
**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded.

**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  DocuSigned by:  
John P. Donnelly  
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Date: 2/25/2021

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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