

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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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: Adam Ballard

Project Title: Escuela Ranch Water Resilience and Flow Enhancement Planning, Project ID: 2021024

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: 35.350439, -120.723605

Project Location - City: San Luis Obispo

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This planning project will create designs to expand a rainwater harvesting system constructed in 2012 which currently has insufficient rainwater in-flow to fill existing tanks. Designs will be developed to divert peak winter flows from Pennington Creek to fill existing and newly constructed tanks. A water availability analysis, steelhead habitat assessment, and preparation of an appropriative water right application will also be conducted as part of this planning project. Future implementation will directly benefit Pennington Creek, a steelhead bearing stream, by eliminating pumping from riparian wells from July through November.

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:

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption: State Section number and type:
- Statutory Exemption: Section 15262; feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that the agency has not approved, adopted or funded.

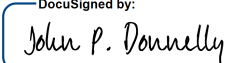
Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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:

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Date: 4/22/2021

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:

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WCB Board Meeting Folder