

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 94244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Adam Ballard

Project Title: Salmonid Habitat Acquisition on East Fork Scott River, Project ID: 2021038

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: 326 Gazelle Callahan Road, Callahan, CA

Project Location - City: Callahan

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Wildlands Conservancy will acquire the 6,095± acre Hayden Ranch and associated water rights, located adjacent to the East Fork Scott River. The Wildlands Conservancy will permanently protect the land for the purpose of enhancing stream flow in East Fork Scott River, Noyes Valley Creek, Big Mill Creek; wildlife habitat preservation, restoration, and management; compatible public access; and maintaining working landscapes and a sustainable ranching tradition. Once the acquisition is complete, The Wildlands Conservancy will petition the State Water Resources Control Board under California Water Code Section 1707 for a permissive instream dedication on the entirety of the water rights.

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:

Section 15313, Class 13, Acquisition of Lands for Wildlife Conservation Purposes, consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, including preservation of fish and wildlife habitat.

Section 15325, Class 25, Transfers of Ownership in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions, consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space and habitat.

Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities, as maintenance of stream flows to protect fish and wildlife resources.

Section 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

- Statutory Exemption: State code Number.

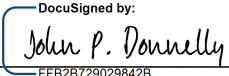
Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves the acquisition of land for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, the transfer of ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, maintenance of stream flows to protect fish and wildlife resources, and minor alterations in the condition of land and water.

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:  _____
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Date: 4/22/2021

Title: Executive Director

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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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WCB Board Meeting Folder