

# 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:** Alyssa Persau

**Project Title:** Deer Creek Instream Flow Planning and Design, Project ID: 2021040

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

**Project Location - Specific:** Deer Creek Irrigation District and Stanford-Vina Ranch Irrigation Company

**Project Location - City:** Vina

**Project Location - County:** Tehama

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This planning project will (1) design a groundwater system to provide an alternative water supply that will enable Deer Creek Irrigation District (DCID) to reduce or eliminate diversion to the Sheep Camp Ditch; (2) design a groundwater system that will enable water users on the Cone-Kimball Ditch to reduce or eliminate their use of surface water; (3) explore opportunities to increase efficiency within the DCID and Stanford-Vina Ranch Irrigation Company systems through measures such as ditch lining, tailwater recovery, and seasonal recharge of groundwater; and (4) work with the above stakeholders to create a long-term plan to manage the flow enhancements resulting from the above measures, plus potential flow enhancements produced by future projects, to meet instream flow targets in Deer Creek on a long-term sustainable basis.

**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

DocuSigned by:  
**Signature:** John P. Donnelly  
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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