

### 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: Don Crocker

**Project Title:** Otay Mesa Vernal Pool and Uplands Habitat Restoration Phase II

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

**Project Location - Specific:** The Clayton Preserve

**Project Location - City:** Otay Mesa

**Project Location - County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The improvement of the hydrologic and ecologic function of vernal pool habitat and surrounding coastal sage scrub on the City of San Diego's Clayton preserve property in western Otay Mesa. WCB Project ID: 2021050.

**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: Section 15333, Class 33 and Section 15304, Class 4
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. The project also consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

**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: 5/20/2021

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