

# 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:** Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing Planning

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

**Project Location - Specific:** Interstate 15 as it passes through Rainbow Canyon

**Project Location - City:** 2 miles south of the City of Temecula      **Project Location - County:** Riverside

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This planning project will provide designs, environmental review and permitting for the proposed Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing across Interstate 15 in western Riverside County that will enable safe passage for wildlife between the Eastern Peninsular Range and the Santa Ana Mountains. WCB Project ID: 2020156.

**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: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board 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:  FFB2B729029842B...

Date: 8/27/2021

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 Project Tracker  
WCB Board Meeting Folder