

# 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:** Kurt Malchow

**Project Title:** Upper Hess Creek Habitat Enhancement, Project ID: 2021003

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

**Project Location - Specific:** The project area is located along Kirker Pass Road in unincorporated Contra Costa County, approximately four miles south of Pittsburg. The project area is within two parcels: APNs 094-130-014 and 094-130-115.

**Project Location – Nearest city:** Clayton

**Project Location - County:** Contra Costa

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this project is to overhaul livestock infrastructure to support the working landscape (grazing) while resulting in enhancing and protecting existing and restored grassland and wetland habitats within the East Contra County Habitat Conservancy Preserve System. This project addresses six Conservation Measures and Goals identified in the East Contra County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan for the East Contra County Habitat Conservancy Preserve System.

**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: 15304(d). Minor Alterations to Land:

Class 4 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 except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project involves overhauling existing infrastructure to support restored grassland and wetland habitats more effectively, with minor earthwork or additional construction required.

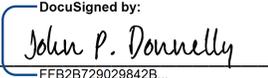
**Lead Agency Contact Person:** John P. Donnelly

**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: 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:**

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WCB Board Meeting Folder