

# 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:** Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration

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

**Project Location - Specific:** The project area is located within the 814-acre Del Mar Mesa Preserve, near the contiguous 4,000-acre Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, in San Diego County.

**Project Location – Nearest city:** Del Mar, CA

**Project Location - County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this project is to restore and enhance five acres of vernal pool wetlands and adjacent upland vegetation on the Del Mar Mesa Preserve, as part of implementing the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan. WCB Project ID: 2021099.

**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: Section 15333. Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project primarily involves invasive plant removal and revegetation to restore native vernal pool and upland habitat, with minor (less than 1/10 of an acre) earth moving.

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

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 205-4730

**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: 11/19/2021

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:**

ec: WCB Project Tracker  
WCB Board Meeting Folder