

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
1416 Ninth Street, 12th floor
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Project Title: Interim Wolf Livestock Loss Compensation Grant Program

Project Location - Specific: Statewide

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: N/A

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

In 2021, the California state legislature appropriated funding through Senate Bill 170, Ch. 204, Statutes of 2021 (Section 52) to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to "develop a grant process to allocate funds to pay for the deterrence of wolf presence near livestock, the impacts of wolf presence on livestock, and for verified loss of livestock for participating ranchers." To address the current economic impacts due to depredation, CDFW has developed the Interim Wolf Livestock Loss Compensation Grant Program to award grants consistent with this legislative directive.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: same as above

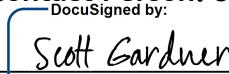
Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (§ 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 21080(b)(4); § 15269(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14 CCR 15307
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____
- Other (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).)

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attached

Lead Agency Contact Person: Scott Gardner, Wildlife Branch Chief, (916) 801-6257

Signature:  _____ Date: 2/8/2022

Title: Wildlife Branch Chief

Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____