

# Notice of Exemption

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

**Attention:** Kurt Weber

**Project Title:** Las Piletas Ranch

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

**Project Location – Specific:** APN's 071-341-009, 022, 023, 024, 071-351-016, 071-361-002, 003, 004, 005, 008, 014, 071-371-004, 005, 007, 009, 010, 011, 014, 015, 016, 005, 072-131-006, 072-141-007, 072-191-004, 005, 008, 014, 015, 072-201-005, 006, 072-251-007, 020, 022, 094-021-002, 004, 094-023-002 and 005

**Project Location – City:** Near Santa Margarita

**Project Location – County:** San Luis Obispo

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** A grant to The Nature Conservancy to assist in its acquisition of 13,527± acres of land for the for the protection of migration corridors and wildlife habitat. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2020182.

**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. 15073):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15071 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15071 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  
Public Resources Code 21080.28. Acquisition of an interest in Land by a Public Agency.

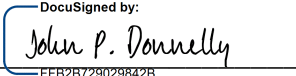
**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

**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: 

Date: 2/25/2022

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