

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room
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: Wheeler Gorge Campground Fish Passage Barriers Removal

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Wheeler Gorge Campground of the Los Padres National Forest

Project Location - City: Nine miles north of Ojai

Project Location - County: Ventura; **CEQA Region:** S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Removal of four low-flow creek crossings which currently act as migration barriers to federally endangered Southern California steelhead trout on North Fork Matilija and Bear Creeks and install two vehicular bridges within the Wheeler Gorge Campground of the Los Padres National Forest. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2021178.

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: Section 15333, Class 33
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

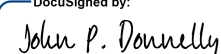
Reasons why project is exempt: The project does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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: DocuSigned by:

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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.

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WCB Board Meeting Folder