

# 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:** Aaron N.K. Haiman

**Project Title:** Evan’s Spring Analysis and Design, Phase 2

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

**Project Location - Specific: APN:** 011-060-010-000, 011-030-070-000, 039-170-150-000,039-170-270-000, 039-170-280-000, 039-170-290-000

**Project Location - City:** Montague

**Project Location - County:** Siskiyou; **CEQA Region:** N. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This project will develop plans to dedicate up to 2.36 cfs from Evan’s Spring to the Little Shasta River by engaging with a private landowner (the Harts) to identify opportunities for enhancing instream flows, increasing irrigation efficiencies, and improving water quality in the Little Shasta River. This will improve important habitats for all aquatic species, but particularly anadromous fish species of state and federal concern by allowing the cold, clean, nutrient-rich Evan’s Spring water to be left instream to benefit fish and wildlife all the way to the mouth of the Little Shasta River – adding roughly 1710 ac-ft of water per year to the system.

This project will build on preliminary (~30%) design plans for reconnecting Evan’s Spring to the Little Shasta River and preliminary (~30%) design plans for on-farm irrigation efficiencies and take both sets of preliminary designs to 90-100% and create drafts of the necessary environmental permitting, NEPA, and CEQA documentation for future implementation. All instream dedications will be protected using §1707s. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022021.

**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:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: 15262

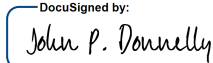
**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project involves the only planning activities for possible future actions.

**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

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Date:** 5/27/2022

**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:**

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