

# 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:** Celestial Reysner

**Project Title:** Pickel Meadow Restoration Planning

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

**Project Location -** Pickel Meadow is located directly adjacent to Highway 108 across from the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center approximately 5 miles west of Sonora Junction (intersection with Highway 395).

**Specific: APN:** 006050011000, 006060002000, 006050003000, 006110001000

**Project Location - City:** Walker

**Project Location - County:** Mono

**CEQA Region:** S. CA, Unincorporated Location

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** WCB proposes to consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers for a cooperative project with Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to plan, design, and permit the project to make meadow restoration shovel-ready at 450-acre Pickel Meadow, located in in the Walker River watershed. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022010.

**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: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

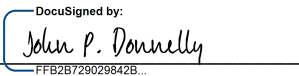
**Reasons why project is exempt:** This is a planning project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

**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: 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:**

ec: WCB Project Tracker  
WCB Board Meeting Folder