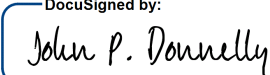


Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 County Clerk (County of): N/A	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090 Attention: Aaron N.K. Haiman
Project Title: Modeling Actual Flows in Ungaged Streams Across California	
Project Applicant: The Nature Conservancy	
Project Location – Specific: APN(s) Statewide.	
Project Location – City: All	
Project Location – County: All	
CEQA Region: All	
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project: This project will predict unimpaired and actual daily streamflow for all streams, both gaged and ungaged. These predictions for actual flows can then be compared to ecological flow criteria to determine the gap between the existing flows and the additional flows needed to support freshwater ecosystem function for all streams the statewide. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022035	
Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB	
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB	
Exempt Status: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 15268): <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: 15262	
Reasons why this project is exempt: This project involves research conducted as part of a scientific study with no on-the-ground impacts, and so is covered under CEQA as statutory exemption 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies.	
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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, (by this notice) <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Signature: <small>DocuSigned by:</small> 	Title:
Date: 8/30/2022	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR: