

## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814  <b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090  <b>Attention:</b> Judah Grossman
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**Project Title:** Sequoia Grove Restoration

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks

**Project Location – City:** 24 miles east of Woodlake, CA

**Project Location – County:** Tulare

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

Enhance forest health and protect giant sequoia groves located in Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022049

**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)**

- 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: PRC Section 4799.05(d)

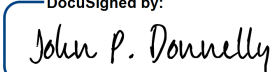
**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4799.05, subdivision (d), CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), under specified circumstances. On January 13, 2022, the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency certified that the exemption in Public Resources Code Section 4799.05 should remain in effect. NEPA review for the work to be conducted under the project has been completed through the Fire and Fuels Management Plan for Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact prepared by the National Park Service. The proposed activities are within the scope of the Decision Memo.

**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:  **Title:** Executive Director **Date:** 8/30/2022

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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