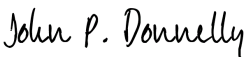


Notice of Exemption

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: Alyssa Benedetti
Project Title: Butano Creek Backfield Floodplain and Flow Enhancement	
Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board	
Project Location – Specific: APN(s) 086-270-020	
Project Location – City: Pescadero	
Project Location – County: San Mateo	
CEQA Region: N. CA	
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project: The Project will create approximately 4 acres of inset floodplain, increase connectivity to 100+ acres of historical floodplain in the Pescadero-Butano Watershed and increase channel complexity along an 1,800-foot stretch of Butano Creek. In addition, the Project will expand an existing 3.6 acre-foot (AF) reservoir to approximately 14 AF, allowing the landowner to cease diversions from the creek during critically dry summer months. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022061	
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: Public Resources Code section 21080.56	
Reasons why this project is exempt: The Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP), Public Resources Code section 21080.56, as a project that meets all of the following conditions: (1) the Project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (2) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's fundamental purpose; (3) the Project will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and (4) Project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration.	
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>  <small>FFB2B729029842E</small>	Title: Executive Director
Date: 2/22/2023	
<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:

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