

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: James Croft
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Project Title: Palo Verde Ecological Reserve Restoration

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board

Project Location – Specific: APN(s) Imperial Wildlife Area, Wister Unit, 8700 Davis Road, Niland CA 92257

Project Location – City: Niland
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Project Location – County: Imperial
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CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project: The project will complete enhancements at the Palo Verde Ecological Reserve by grading wetland and green feed units to improve water use efficiency. Open water delivery ditches will be replaced with piped water conveyance infrastructure to deliver water to wetland and green feed units. Riparian plantings will be completed with native plants to provide foraging resources for wildlife. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022095.
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Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Reasons why this project is exempt: Project consists of minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 205-4730
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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> <i>Rebecca Fris for</i>	Title: Executive Director	Date: 2/27/2023
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant
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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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