

## Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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From: CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Interim Wolf Livestock Loss Compensation Grant Program

**Project Location - Specific:** Statewide

**Project Location - City:** N/A

**Project Location - County:** N/A

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

In 2021, the California state legislature appropriated funding through Senate Bill 170, Ch. 204, Statutes of 2021 (Section 52) to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to "develop a grant process to allocate funds to pay for the deterrence of wolf presence near livestock, the impacts of wolf presence on livestock, and for verified loss of livestock for participating ranchers." To address the ongoing economic impacts due to depredation, other impacts associated with wolf presence and the costs of employing deterrence measures, CDFW has developed the Wolf-Livestock Loss Compensation Pilot Program to award grants consistent with each of these three legislative directives.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** same as above

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial (§ 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 21080(b)(4); § 15269(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14 CCR 15307
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

See Attached

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Scott Gardner, Wildlife Branch Chief, (916) 801-6257

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5/30/2023

Title: Wildlife Branch Chief

Signed by Lead Agency      Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_