

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Conservation Board
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: James Croft

Project Title: Imperial Wildlife Area Wetland Restoration, Phase III

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Imperial Wildlife Area, Wister Unit, 8700 Davis Road, Niland CA 92257

Project Location – City: Niland

Project Location – County: Imperial

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The project will complete wetland restoration at the Wister Unit by removal of invasive salt cedar and the water delivery ditches in which it grows. The open ditches will be replaced with piped water conveyance infrastructure to deliver water to wetland units. New Levees, islands, swales and water control structures will be installed within the wetland units to allow for the most efficient use of water supplies and to provide high quality habitat for migratory birds. WCB Project Tracker ID 2022098.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Rebecca J. Fris, Acting 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: Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

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 results in improvement of habitat for wildlife.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebecca J. Fris

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 212-5637

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:
Rebecca J. Fris

Title: Acting Executive Director

Date: 5/31/2023

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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