

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: Don Crocker

Project Title: Aliso Estuary Restoration Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

The estuary at the mouth of Aliso Creek

Project Location – City: Laguna Beach

Project Location – County: Orange

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

To develop the plans and permitting necessary to support a functional and resilient wetland ecosystem by restoring the hydrology and seasonal dynamics of the intermittently open estuary where Aliso Creek enters the Pacific Ocean. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022123.

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:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

The project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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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