

**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:** Tricolored Blackbird Wetland Habitat Enhancement Project Augmentation

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

Lawrence-East property 2.25 miles east of Kern National Wildlife Refuge, APN 059-050-48-00-3 and Lawrence-DeLorenzo property adjacent to Kern National Wildlife Refuge APN 045-190-17-00-3

**Project Location – City:** 14 miles northwest of Wasco

**Project Location – County:** Kern

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

This project is an augmentation of funds of a previously funded WCB project to enhance wetlands at the Lawrence-East and Lawrence-DeLorenzo properties for the benefit of tricolored blackbird and waterfowl. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023050

**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: 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  
 Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project involves the enhancement of wetland habitat for the benefit of migratory birds and consists of minor alterations to land, and there will be no negative impacts to the physical environment that would reduce its ability to produce native or agricultural plants.

**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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