


**Notice of Exemption**

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Kim Cruz

<b>Project Title:</b> Devil's Canyon
<b>Project Applicant:</b> Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)
<b>Project Location – Specific: APN(s)</b> 2821-009-028 & 2821-014-041
<b>Project Location – City:</b> N/A
<b>Project Location – County:</b> Los Angeles
<b>CEQA Region:</b> S. CA
<b>Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:</b> The allocation for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to assist in its acquisition of 120± acres for the protection of blue line stream, Southern Mixed Riparian Forest, Coastal California Gnatcatcher, mule deer, and mountain lion habitats, which will enhance wildlife corridors and connectivity with and adjacent conserved areas and wildlife crossings, located northwest of the city of Chatworth in Los Angeles County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022079.
<b>Public Agency Approving Project:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB
<b>Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:</b> Rebecca J. Fris, Acting Executive Director, WCB
<b>Exempt Status: (Check One)</b> <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: Sec.15313, Class 13 & Sec.15325, Class 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Reasons why this project is exempt:</b> Project involves the transfer of an ownership interest in land for conservation purposes and to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

<b>Lead Agency Contact Person:</b> Rebecca J. Fris
<b>Area Code/Telephone Extension:</b> (916) 212-5637
<b>If filed by applicant:</b> 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
<b>Signature:</b>  <b>Title:</b> Acting Executive Director <b>Date:</b> 6/1/2023
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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