

**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:** Brian Gibson

**Project Title:** Bates Ranch

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

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

756-18-004, 756-22-005, portions of 756-22-025 and 026, portion of 756-26-001, 756-37-001, 005, 004.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Santa Clara

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

Acquisition of approximately 735 acres for the protection of coast live oak forest and woodland, California annual grassland and north coastal scrub, to provide a critical north-south wildlife movement corridor from Mount Madonna County Park to Uvas Reservoir, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities within the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022116

**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: Sections 15313, Class 13 & 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

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.

**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:** 6/1/2023

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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