


Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 County Clerk (County of): N/A	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090 Attention: Brian Gibson
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Project Title: Fay Creek Ranch
Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)
Project Location – Specific: APN(s) 055-030-05, 055-050-02, 055-050-09, 055-050-12, 055-050-13, 055-410-02, 055-410-03, 055-070-06, 055-070-08
Project Location – City: N/A
Project Location – County: Kern
CEQA Region: N. CA
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project: To acquire 2,285± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered species, wildlife corridors, habitat linkages, watersheds, and to provide wildlife-oriented, public-use opportunities near the community of Weldon in Kern County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022126
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) <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:
Reasons why this project is exempt: Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, (by this notice) <input type="checkbox"/> No
Signature:  Title: Acting Executive Director Date: 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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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