

**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:** Kim Cruz

**Project Title:** White Tate

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

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

264-041-07, 264-041-11, 264-041-12, 264-041-25, & 264-041-28

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

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

The allocation for a grant to The Escondido Creek Conservancy to assist in its acquisition of 48± acres for the protection of sensitive Coastal California Gnatcatcher and Coastal Sage Scrub habitats, which will enhance wildlife corridors and connectivity with adjacent conserved properties as part of the LeoMar Preserve within the North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan, located in the unincorporated area near San Marcos in San Diego County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023035.

**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: Sec.15313, Class 13 & Sec.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:** 

**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

**SCH #:**

**Posted Date:**

**Date Received for Filing at OPR:**