

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: Western Riverside MSHCP Barth

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

940-030-003

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Riverside County

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The approval to subgrant a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Section 6 Acquisition grant and the allocation of a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, for a cooperative project to acquire 20± acres of land for the protection of chaparral, coastal sage scrub, grassland habitats, and species including coastal California gnatcatcher, grasshopper sparrow, Bell's sage sparrow, bobcat, mountain lion, California black walnut and Engelmann oak, and provide a key regional linkage and elevation transition zone within the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, located just east of the city of Temecula in unincorporated Riverside County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023120.

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: DocuSigned by:
Rebecca J. Fris

Title: Acting Executive Director

Date: 8/25/2023

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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