

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: Kendall Webster

Project Title: Basin Ranch

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

418-361-007, 418-371-006, 418-371-007, 418-371-008, 418-371-009, 418-371-010, 418-371-011, 418-371-012, 418-371-013, 418-371-014, 418-371-015, 418-371-016, 419-081-004, 419-081-005, 419-081-006, 419-081-007, 419-081-008, 419-081-015, 419-081-025, 419-081-032, 419-081-050, and 419-081-060

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Monterey

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

To acquire 5,105± acres of land for the protection of riparian, chaparral, oak woodland and annual and perennial grassland habitats, habitat linkages, restoration, managed public recreation, hunting, education, property co-management with Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, access for other Native American tribes, and to provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities, located in the Salinas River watershed in Monterey County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022135.

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 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? 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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WCB Board Meeting Folder