

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: Geneva Iversen-Krampitz

Project Title: San Joaquin and Tulare Basin Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Multiple locations throughout the San Joaquin and Tulare watersheds.

Project Location – City: Bakersfield, Grayson, Firebaugh, Modesto, Merced, Los Banos, Patterson

Project Location – County: Kern, Stanislaus, Fresno, Merced

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Planning and permitting for riparian restoration of 10 floodplain sites throughout the Tulare and San Joaquin Basins to produce restoration plans, complete permit applications, and submit environmental compliance documents. Future benefits upon implementation of these projects include improving water quality and flood safety for valley communities, and improving natural forage and nesting for native wildlife. This project also seeks to conduct scientific studies in this region, to assess habitat quality before, during and after restoration. WCB Project Tracker ID 2022132.

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:
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262
 Other:

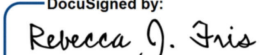
Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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:  **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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