

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: Kurt Malchow

Project Title: Building Wildlife-Friendly Resilience in Working Landscapes – Roots #67

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

The project will be implemented on the riparian area located on a private 560 acre farm /pastureland within the San Antonio Creek Watershed in Sonoma County. T04N R08W Section 2

Project Location – City: Petaluma

Project Location – County: Sonoma

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The goal of this project is to increase riparian habitat, sequester carbon, reduce erosion, and engage the local community in conservation practices and restoration science. The project will include the establishment of native (mostly) woody vegetation along approximately 3,000 feet of channel length. The long-term revegetation goal is to have overstory complexity with areas of closed and open canopy. This project will enhance wildlife habitat connectivity for a diversity of birds, mammals, amphibians, and other wildlife. It will provide thermal refugia and build upon existing resiliency. The plant palette will reduce the vulnerability of wildlife to phenological mismatches by increasing the number of months and the amount of resources (cover, food) that are available. Activities will include revegetation with native plants along both sides of the channel, mostly woody species with some grass or grass-like plants and forbs, installing above ground irrigation for native plantings, as needed, removing/controlling invasive plant species using manual methods (hand pulling, hand tools) as needed, and conducting plant establishment monitoring and photo monitoring of the habitat restoration site. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022065

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: CCR Section §15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

WCB has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat, and the implementation activities as designed for this project, will result in the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife not to exceed five acres in size.

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 Fris

Title: Acting Executive Director

Date: 10/12/2023

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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