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#### **Notice of Exemption**

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

> County Clerk Shasta County 1643 Market Street Redding, CA 96001

From:

Western Shasta Resource Conservation District 6270 Parallel Road Anderson, CA 96007 (530) 365-7332 aclaassen@westernshastarcd.org

Project Title: Wildlife Habitat and Community Resilience on Working Lands: Roots 77

Project Applicant: Point Blue Conservation Science

**Project Location - Specific:** 

The project will be implemented on privately owned parcels in within the city boundaries of Redding, Shasta County, California. The property is permanently conserved as a nature preserve in a conservation easement, held by the Shasta Land Trust. Habitat on the property consists of remnant valley oak riparian along Boulder Creek, and blue oak woodland and savannah in the upland areas.

Project Location - City: Redding Project Location - County: Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project is part of a collaborative program created by Point Blue Conservation Science (PBCS) and funded by a block grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). The program enables PBCS staff from across California to work with private landowners with the overall goal to co-create, manage, and implement projects that will maximize benefits of working landscapes to wildlife, fish, and pollinators.

The goal of this project is to enhance upland and riparian habitats, reduce invasive species, increase pollinator habitat, and increase nesting bird habitat. Project consists of 1) blue oak woodland enhancement - cutting of decadent and dying vegetation to promote new growth and succession, strategic planting of blue oak acorns to increase regeneration, and wildlife brush piles to provide understory cover; 2) riparian restoration - control of invasive Sesbania along creek and replanting with native woody species; 3) pollinator habitat enhancement - seeding and plug planting to promote floristic diversity and food resources; 4) nesting bird box installation - wood duck boxes along riparian corridor and upland small bird nesting boxes in blue oak woodland.

The project will consist of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which will not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Trees will only be removed if they are small, suppressed, unhealthy, crowded, or hazardous. Project implementation will result in multiple benefits, including reduction of fuels that will decrease wildfire risk and improve public safety and protect communities, human lives, and property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District, Point Blue Conservation Science, and landowner

Exempt	Status:	(check	one)	):
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☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: §15304(i): Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

#### Reasons why project is exempt:

WSRCD has determined that the objectives of fuel reduction and the implementation activities as designed for this project will result in minor alterations to vegetation and land and therefore fit within the §15304 exemption.

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WSRCD has also determined that no exceptions exist which would preclude the use of this exemption, such as: (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant effects on the environment, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of any historical resource. Contact WSRCD to arrange viewing of the environmental review report.

**Lead Agency** 

Contact Person: Andrea Claassen

Title: Project Specialist

Telephone: (530) 365-7332

Signature:

Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

## **Attachment A: Maps of Project Locations**



