

**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:** Sadie J. Smith

**Project Title:** Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

597-020-06, 597-020-10, 597-140-04, 597-140-05, 597-150-03, 597-150-07, 597-150-08, 597-150-12, 597-150-13, 597-190-23, 598-010-02, 598-020-04, 597-020-06, 598-021-02, 598-070-07, and 598-070-09.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

This project involves the acquisition of 1,291± acres and an access easement for the protection of coastal sage scrub habitat that supports listed species, wildlife movement corridors, and key regional wildlife linkages within the San Diego MSCP, a joint Habitat Conservation Plan and NCCP, and provides future wildlife oriented public use opportunities. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022119.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** John P. Walsh, Deputy 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: Section 15313, Class 13 and Section 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** John P. Walsh

**Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (916) 539-8016

**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:  
John Walsh **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 11/16/2023

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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