

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: Alexa Dunn

Project Title: Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Section 6 (Sterling)

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

049-101-14.

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Santa Cruz

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, to acquire in fee 11± acres of land for the protection of Santa Cruz long-toed salamander habitat, located near Watsonville in Santa Cruz County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023073.

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: Sections 15313, Class 13 & 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the transfer of an ownership interest in land for conservation purposes and 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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