

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: David Dodds

Project Title: Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

022-070-06-00.

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Inyo

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The Proposal is to consider transferring the fee title to 40 acres of land known as the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery owned by Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians of the Fort Independence Reservation to own, operate and maintain in perpetuity. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2012075.

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 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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