

**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:** Kendall Webster

**Project Title:** El Dorado Ranch Expansion 4

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

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

091-020-048, 091-020-053, 091-020-054, 091-020-063, 091-030-016, 091-030-031, 092-031-006, 092-040-059, 092-040-073, and 091-040-079.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** El Dorado

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

To acquire 1,026 ± acres of land for the protection of blue oak woodland, oak savannah, and foothill riparian habitats that provide key linkages for species including northern Goshawk, Yellow-breasted Chat, Sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk, Red-shouldered hawk, Red-tailed hawk, western pond turtle, California red-legged frog, lone Manzanita, and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities as part of California Department of Fish and Wildlife's planned El Dorado Wildlife Area. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2020181.

**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 & Section 15325, Class 25  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  
 Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project involves the acquisition of land for conservation purposes, 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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