

**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:** Hayley Pechner

**Project Title:** Coastal Mendocino Pollinator Habitat Enhancement

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

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

Manchester State Park, BLM Point Arena-Stornetta Unit, Pelican Bluffs Reserve, and Navarro Point Preserve in Mendocino County.

**Project Location – City:** Albion, Manchester, and Point Arena

**Project Location – County:** Mendocino

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

This Project will restore pollinator habitat along the southern Mendocino coast with a particular focus on restoring habitat for the endangered Behren's silverpot butterfly. The Project will include invasive species removal, including hand pulling, grazing, and herbicide treatment, followed by planting native nectar plants, including dense patches of early blue violets. This project will also include a captive rearing and release program of Behren's silverspot butterfly. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023167.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Rebecca J. Fris, 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 15301, Class 1; Section 15304, Class 4; Section 15306, Class 6
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project consists of the operation, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Project consists of research, experimental resource management and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Rebecca J. Fris

**Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (916) 212-5637

**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:  
Rebecca J. Fris

**Title:** Deputy Executive Director

**Date:** 11/21/2023

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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