

**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:** Don Crocker

**Project Title:** Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity Planning

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

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

The area bound by U.S. Highway 101 and Monterey Road between San Jose and Morgan Hill.

**Project Location – City:** 2.5 miles north of Morgan Hill

**Project Location – County:** Santa Clara

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

Completion of the environmental review, permitting and designs for up to four crossing structures that will improve habitat connectivity across the Union Pacific Rail Line, Monterey Road, and US 101 within Coyote Valley in Santa Clara County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023179.

**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:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

The project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

**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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WCB Board Meeting Folder