

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: Kurt Malchow

Project Title: Building Wildlife-Friendly Resilience in Working Landscapes - Roots 37

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Riparian corridor along Wilson Creek, a tributary to the Petaluma River in Sonoma County, California. Section 24, Township 05N, Range 08W of the "Cotati, California" 7.5 quadrangle.

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Sonoma

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The goals of the project are to increase riparian habitat, sequester carbon, reduce erosion, and engage the local community in conservation practices and restoration science. The project would include the establishment of native (mostly) woody vegetation along approximately 1,200 feet of channel length. The long-term revegetation goal is to have overstory complexity with areas of closed and open canopy. This project will enhance wildlife habitat connectivity for a diversity of birds, mammals, amphibians, and other wildlife. It will provide thermal refugia and build upon existing resiliency. The plant palette will reduce the vulnerability of wildlife to phenological mismatches by increasing the number of months and the amount of resources (cover, food) that are available. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022065

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: Class 33 (CCR Section §15333) small habitat restoration project
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

WCB has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife habitat, and the implementation activities as designed for this project, will result in the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife to not exceed five acres in size.

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: 

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 12/14/2023

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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