

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 #81

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

The project will be implemented on a private 5 acre farm within the Patrick Creek watershed in Humboldt County. T07N, R01E, Section 17.

Project Location – City: McKinleyville

Project Location – County: Humboldt

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The goal of this project is to create habitat for nesting birds, pollinators, amphibians and small mammals, as well as sequester carbon, remove hazardous fence that has previously injured wildlife and filter run-off from the county road before it enters the watershed. The project includes removing non-native invasive species and establishing a 730 ft hedgerow bordering areas of crop production and pasture, in addition to a 140 ft bioswale that will capture road runoff and provide seasonal wetland habitat for amphibians. This project will also cut down old barbed wire fencing that has entrained wildlife in the past in a sensitive riparian area. This project will enhance native pollinator habitat and nesting bird habitat in an area that was previously dominated by invasive species. Laying down hazardous fencing will reduce the chance of wildlife injury and death, and increase access to a seasonal creek and pond. The planting palette will reduce the vulnerability of wildlife to phenological mismatches by increasing the number of months and amount of resources (food, cover) 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: CCR Section 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

WCB has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife and pollinator 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 not to 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: 12/22/2023

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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