

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 4

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

APNs: 057-109-001, 057-230-003, 057-260-011, 057-290-011. The project is located on a hardwood rangeland and vernal pool complex property used for cattle grazing and under a permanent conservation easement. The project corresponds to portions of sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17, T 30N, R 4W off the Balls Ferry USGS Quad.

Project Location – City: Anderson

Project Location – County: Shasta

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The goal of the project is to enhance oak woodland habitat, and improve vernal pool and nesting bird habitat. The project consists of 1) removal of hazardous fence (8,905 linear feet) and accumulated trash to ensure safe passage by all wildlife across the property 2) blue oak woodland habitat enhancement (22 acres) to release overstory oak trees, enhance health of and acorn production of mature oaks, 3) mixed oak habitat restoration (34.5 acres) through diversification of habitat types, corridors, structure and composition, health of mature oaks, natural regeneration, and creation of wildlife habitat brush piles (38) and 4) installation of nesting bird boxes (20) to provide additional nesting locations for cavity nesting birds. 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 4 - Section 15304: Minor Alterations to Land
 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 minor alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemptions.

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: 1/26/2024

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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