

**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:** Clear Lake Hitch Habitat Planning

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

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

Scotts Creek is located two miles west of Lakeport. Highland Springs Reservoir, on Adobe Creek, is located six miles southwest of Lakeport.

**Project Location – City:** Lakeport

**Project Location – County:** Lake

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

The purpose of this project is to generate the information and planning needed to support the restoration of functional flows and habitat to benefit the imperiled Clear Lake Hitch. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023107.

**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:**

Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission 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:** 2/16/2024

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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