

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 21

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

APN: 143-840-037-000 The project will be implemented on a section of a grass field on an elementary school campus in Sonoma county. The total project area is 0.63 acres.

Project Location – City: Rohnert Park

Project Location – County: Sonoma

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The goal of this project is to increase habitat for birds and pollinators and engage the local community in conservation practices. This project will replace a section of a grass field with native plants. The establishment of native vegetation will add diversity in the species and structure of the plants in the area which will increase food and shelter for birds and pollinators. This project will involve students through classroom lessons and through implementing the plantings, engaging them in the restoration process. Activities will include removing grass prior to restoration, sheet mulching area prior to planting, planting native shrubs, forbs, and graminoids, installing temporary fence to protect plants while they become established, installing irrigation for native plantings, installing nesting boxes for birds, removing/controlling invasive plant species using manual methods (hand pulling, hand tools), and conducting plant establishment monitoring and photo monitoring of the habitat restoration site. Total project area is 0.63 acres.

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
 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: DocuSigned by:
Rebecca J. Fris

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 5/16/2024

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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