

**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:** Wildlife Habitat and Community Resilience on Working Lands Roots #47

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

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

The 7.6-acre Project will be located on a private 15 acre lavender farm in Solano County (APN 0109200080).

**Project Location – City:** Dixon

**Project Location – County:** Solano

**CEQA Region:** Unincorporated

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

The goal of the project is to increase native wildlife and pollinator habitat and provide a place for visitors of Araceli Farms to learn about native plants – their required care, habitat values, and human uses. Araceli Farms is working with Point Blue and Solano Resource Conservation District to install hedgerows, a native plant garden, and pollinator meadow to support pollinators and other wildlife. The hedgerows would be prepped and planted in part through volunteer workdays. These workdays will include workshops addressing topics such as tending and harvesting native plants, along with how and what to plant in home gardens to support Monarchs and other pollinators. Araceli Farms already has a large community of visitors. Through the installation of this project, the public will have the opportunity to learn more about native plants, pollinators, and Monarch butterflies specifically. This project will enhance wildlife habitat connectivity for a diversity of birds, mammals, and other wildlife. The hedgerow 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.

**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: 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:** 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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