

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: Candice Marg

Project Title: ELKHORN SLOUGH ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, EXPANSION 19

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

131-072-051-000

Project Location – City: Castroville

Project Location – County: Monterey

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Acquisition of 24± acres of land for the protection of coast live oak woodland, coastal prairie, and wet meadow habitats, species including the California quail, mule deer, bobcat, California Tiger Salamander, Red-legged Frog, Western Pond Turtle and the endangered Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander, expand the wildlife movement corridor through the uplands, and provide future wildlife oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion to CDFW's Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2017067.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: John P. Walsh, 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: Public Resources Code 21080.28
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Walsh

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 539-8016

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:
John Walsh **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 5/29/2024

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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