

**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:** Joe Navari

**Project Title:** C & P Conservation Easement

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

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

21-230-022 and 21-240-006

**Project Location – City:** Yuba City

**Project Location – County:** Sutter

**CEQA Region:** N. CA unincorporated near Yuba City

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

The project is a grant to Ducks Unlimited for the acquisition of a conservation easement over 313± acres of land buffering high quality wetlands located on the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge. The project will expand a permanently protected wildlife corridor outside the confines of the Sutter Bypass and preserve winter flooding to provide for the energetic needs of wintering waterfowl and shore birds in the Sacramento Valley. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2020002

**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: 15313. Acquisitions of Lands for Wildlife Conservation
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

The project is a conservation easement acquisition that will buffer publicly owned wetlands inside the Sutter Bypass and provide wintering waterfowl with habitat and their energetic needs. The acquisition will also expand a wildlife corridor for aquatic, avian and terrestrial species both inside and outside the Sutter Bypass.

**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

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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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