## **Notice of Exemption**

To:	Office of Planning and Research	From:	Department of Fish and Wildlife
	State Clearinghouse		Wildlife Conservation Board
	1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814		P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
Coun	ty Clerk (County of): N/A	Attent	on: Kendall Webster
Project Title: Western Placer County HCP/NCCP (Redwing Ranch North)			
Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)			
Project Location – Specific: APN(s)			
020-130-046, 020-0130-047 and 020-130-064			
Project Location – City: <sub>N/A</sub>			
Project Location – County: Placer			
CEQA Region: Unincorporated			
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:			
To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Land Acquisition grant and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to the Placer Conservation Authority, and to consider a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to Placer Conservation Authority, for a cooperative project with Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program to acquire in fee 430 ± acres of land for the protection of vernal pool, vernal swale, wetland, and slough channel habitat for threatened and endangered species including California black rail, tricolored blackbird, western burrowing owl, vernal pool fairy shrimp and valley elderberry longhorn beetle, restoration and management, and wildlife-oriented education and research within the Placer County Conservation Program, located near Lincoln in Placer County.			
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: Sec.15313, Class 13 & Sec.15325, Class 25 ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: ☐ Other:			
Reasons why this project is exempt:			
Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes 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: ປັງທາງ 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  Date Received for Filing at OPR:			