

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: John Walsh

Project Title: Palo Verde Ecological Reserve, Expansion 5

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

006-090-022, 006-100-012, 006-100-002, 006-100-014, 006-100-001, 006-100-006, 006-090-032, 006-090-030(portion), 006-100-019, 006-100-017.

Project Location – City: Near Blythe

Project Location – County: Imperial

CEQA Region: South

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Wildlife Conservation Board is acquiring the property(1,931± acres) on behalf of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to be added to their Palo Verde Ecological Reserve. The acquisition will protect open space and riparian habitat that supports threatened and endangered species and the preservation of a wildlife linkage corridor from the Colorado River to the Colorado Desert.

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: PRC-Section 21080.28
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of an interest in land by a public agency for preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of transfer, including plant and 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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