

**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:** Brian Gibson

**Project Title:** LI Livestock Ranch Conservation Easement

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

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

028-140-004-000, 028-140-005-000, 028-130-011-000, and 028-130-034-000

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** San Benito

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

For the protection and preservation of rangeland environment and its associated grassland, open space created by working landscapes, existing California tiger salamander, vernal pool fairy shrimp, and California Condor populations and regional wildlife and habitat linkages, including oak woodland, oak savanna, and seasonal wetlands. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2021124

**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, Class13 & Sec.15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project involves the acquisition of interest in land for conservation purposes and 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:**

*John Walsh*

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**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

**SCH #:**

**Posted Date:**

**Date Received for Filing at OPR:**

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