

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: Kim Cruz

Project Title: El Monte Valley (Digenan)

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

390-071-01

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: San Diego

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

To consider the allocation for a grant to Lakeside's River Park Conservancy for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency and County of San Diego to acquire in fee 75± acres of land for the protection of Diegan coastal sage scrub, southern mixed chaparral, and southern live oak riparian forest habitats that support the San Diego River Wildlife Corridor and linkages to nearby local, state, and federal conserved lands, and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities, located eight miles east of the city of Santee in unincorporated San Diego County. WCB Project Tracker ID 2022139.

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: Section 15313, Class 13 & Section 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the transfer of an ownership 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: 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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