

**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:** Sadie J. Smith

**Project Title:** Arcanum Ranch

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

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

051-270-02

**Project Location – City:** Whitethorn

**Project Location – County:** Mendocino

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

To acquire 50± acres of land for the protection of critical areas for salmonid species, including coho, Chinook and steelhead, and to support their refuge areas and connectivity within the Mattole River ecosystem.

WCB Project ID# 2023210

**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 and Section 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation 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

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