

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: Kurt Malchow

Project Title: Wildlife Habitat and Community Resilience on Working Lands - Roots 59

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

The Project is within a valley oak riparian forest, upland of Dry Creek in Denair, Merced. Project site is part of a regenerative farm. APNs: 058-030-041; 042-040-030; 042-040-019

Project Location – City: Denair

Project Location – County: Merced

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The project includes 0.5 acres of oak woodland restoration in valley oak riparian forest, upland of Dry Creek in Denair, Merced. Project involves hand thinning of valley oak seedlings and saplings followed by chipping. The benefit is allowing some trees to reach mature size by releasing from competition. Additionally, the project will also remove and dispose of 5,000 ft of hazardous barbed wire fence, which will prevent injuries to wildlife and girdling of trees. Lastly, three bluebird nest boxes will be placed in an open area outside of the forest to provide nesting habitat for bluebirds or other small cavity nesters.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Rebecca J. Fris, 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: CCR Section 15304: minor alterations to land
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

WCB has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat, and the implementation activities as designed for this project, will result in minor alternations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemptions.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebecca J. Fris

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 212-5637

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:
Rebecca J. Fris

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date:

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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