

**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 70

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

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

The Project is 4.5 acres of oak woodland and riparian habitat owned by a land trust in Mariposa. APNs: APN: 015-030-011-000

**Project Location – City:** Mariposa

**Project Location – County:** Mariposa

**CEQA Region:** Unincorporated

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

The overall goal of this project is to enhance riparian and upland habitat for wildlife by stewarding for culturally significant plants by the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation. The 4.5-acre project involves targeted removal by hand of invasive plant species such as Himalayan blackberry, thistle, and brier rose. Removed invasives and excess woody debris will be pile burned in upland habitat. Ladder fuels will be hand trimmed. Willow walls will be implemented for bank stabilization after invasive removal. Native pollinator friendly and culturally significant plants will be planted with supporting practices such as irrigation, mulch, hand weeding, and access control fencing will be installed to control access of cattle into the riparian area.

**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 15333: small habitat restoration
- 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 apply to the project and will not exceed 5 acres in size, thereby qualifying for the Class 33 exemption for small habitat restoration projects.

**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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