

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: Building Wildlife-Friendly Resilience in Working Landscapes - Roots 72

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Project is located in western Tehama county on a privately-owned property. Property largely consists of open naturalized annual grasses and blue oak woodland with several perennial and intermittent creeks. T24N, R6W, Sec 29,33. APNs: 059-110-010, 059-110-011, 059-150-005

Project Location – City: Paskenta

Project Location – County: Tehama

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The project consists of two main focus areas: 1) enhancing the wildlife corridor along Mill Creek, and 2) improving the native plant community and native pollinator foraging resources along Elder Creek. The wildlife corridor along Mill Creek will be better protected with the use of wildlife-friendly fencing to control cattle access. Blue oak acorns will be planted to improve oak regeneration, and wildlife brush piles will be constructed to provide winter refugia. Migratory birds, small to medium-sized mammals, and mule deer. The native planting along Elder Creek is expected to benefit grassland-dependent nesting bird species, native pollinators, and native herbivores.

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 alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemptions for minor alterations to land.

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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WCB Board Meeting Folder