Notice of Exemption

To:	Office of Planning and Research	From:	Department of Fish and Wildlife
	State Clearinghouse		Wildlife Conservation Board
	1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814		P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
Coun	ity Clerk (County of): N/A	Attenti	on: Alyssa Benedetti
Project Title: Follows Camp Ecological Design			
Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)			
Project Location – Specific: APN(s)			
8678-005-270, 8678-005-271, 8678-006-270, 8678-006-272, 8678-006-273, 8678-006-274			
Project Location - City: 8 miles northeast of Azusa, within Angeles National Forest			
Project Location – County: Los Angeles			
CEQA Region: S. CA			
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:			
The 118-acre Follows Camp site sits along the East Fork of the San Gabriel River within the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and is owned by the City of Industry. The site is predominantly used for unauthorized recreation by the public, resulting in degraded river water quality and river morphology, soil compaction and erosion, and litter. While this level of use results in impacts, many users visit the site from communities of the nearby San Gabriel Valley, which are some of the most park poor, environmentally burdened, and disadvantaged communities in California. The goal of the Follows Camp project is to provide habitat restoration, stream flow enhancement, and sustainable public access at Follows Camp, while fostering the same goal for the broader East Fork and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023177.			
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: ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies ☐ Other:			
Reasons why this project is exempt:			
Project involves the preparation of design and permits for future restoration and public access activities.			
Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebecca J. Fris			
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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: Rebecca J. Fris Title: Deputy Executive Director Date: 6/3/2024			
V	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 Date Received for Filing at OPR:			