

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: Shannon Lucas

Project Title: Advancing Equity and Biodiversity in Southern California

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

N/A

Project Location – City:

Project Location – County: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, San Diego

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

This project will provide funding to assist underrepresented partners with the development and implementation of habitat biodiversity projects in urban areas of Los Angeles, Riverside, Imperial, San Diego, and San Bernardino counties. WCB Project ID 2024040.

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:
- Other: Not a Project (Public Resources Code § 21065; Guidelines § 15378(b)(4))

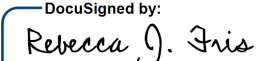
Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves authorizing and entering into a block grant agreement to facilitate the potential future funding of projects that have not yet been selected. This action is not subject to CEQA because it involves the creation of government funding mechanisms and other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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:  **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 6/3/2024

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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