

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 County Clerk (County of): N/A	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090 Attention: Kurt Malchow
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Project Title: Wildlife Habitat and Community Resilience on Working Lands - Roots #58

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

The 1.23-acre Project is located on a 28.56-acre farm in Mendocino County on existing farmland on north coast prairie.
 APN: 11802030

Project Location – City: Casper

Project Location – County: Mendocino

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The overall project goals of the 1.23-acre project are to enhance pollinator habitat by providing food resources to pollinators and restoring wet meadows to be used by a variety of plant and animal species. Native grasses, shrubs, and forbs will also provide habitat for species of mammals, birds, and insects. A demonstrative garden with signage will also be implemented on the property. Irrigation for establishment will also be installed on the property. Activities will include seeding and planting native plants for pollinators, installing irrigation for native plantings as needed, irrigation may include above- and/or below ground systems, installing, replacing, and maintaining fencing and education signs, as needed, removing/controlling invasive plant species using manual methods, controlling invasive plant species as needed via minimal tillage and solarization, conducting surveys and monitoring of wildlife and habitat restoration sites.

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: Class 4 exemption (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 enhancements and restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat, and the implementation activities as designated for this project, will result in minor alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemption. At less than five acres, this project also is exempt under CCR Section 15333 (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:** 7/18/2024

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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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