

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 #49

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 The 22-acre Project is located on a 26,600-acre preserve in Trinity County on a historical ranch in the Eel River Canyon.
 APNs: 022-060-17-00; 022-060-24-00; 022-120-04-00; 022-050-08-00; 022-050-07-00; 022-230-01-00; 022-160-04-00; 022-160-03-00; 022-160-10-00; 022-160-09-00; 022-190-07-00; 022-190-06-00

Project Location – City: Zenia

Project Location – County: Trinity

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The overall project goals of the 22-acre project are to remove one mile of hazardous fencing and replace with a wildlife friendly design along a known elk corridor; develop 18 low-flow wildlife-friendly and protected springs for better grazing management for habitat improvement purposes; and collect and plant black and white oak acorns as well as cage existing seedlings experiencing browse from local deer and elk over a 12-acre area to help regeneration of oak woodlands.

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.

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:** 8/19/2024

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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