

## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Amy Henderson

**Project Title:** Amargosa Basin Alkali Wetland Restoration and Seed Collection

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 Multiple APNs: all APNs that the California section of the Amargosa River traverses and public lands within Shoshone, Death Valley Junction, and Tecopa.

**Project Location – City:** Unincorporated communities of Shoshone, Death Valley Junction, and Tecopa

**Project Location – County:** Inyo and San Bernardino Counties

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 Project will ameliorate threats to alkali wetland plants and ecosystems, including the federally endangered Amargosa niterwort, by (1) constructing a protective fence and population augmentation in 27 acres of occupied habitat; (2) securing 50 seed collections of alkali wetland plants and 10 collections of culturally important plants to support restoration; (3) hydrological monitoring in Carson Slough to support critical data gathering necessary for Amargosa niterwort recovery; (4) provide a robust set of information on the distribution of plant species and vegetation assemblages along the full length of the California portion of the Amargosa River with preparation of a botanical inventory; and (5) engage the community about proposed restoration activities and educate the public about the endangered plant species and their habitats. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024051

**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: 15304 and 15306  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  
 Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 This study consists of basic data collection and research which does not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

**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:** 8/26/2024

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	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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