

## 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 94244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Kendall Webster

**Project Title:** Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Expansion #17 (Soper) FEE

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 Portions of 056-220-027 and 056-250-047

**Project Location – City:** Brownsville

**Project Location – County:** Yuba

**CEQA Region:** Countywide

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 The purpose of this project is expansion of the Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area for long-range protection and enhancement of blue oak, blue oak-foothill pine, annual grasslands, and mixed chaparral habitats for black-tailed deer, California quail, wild turkey, black bear, mourning dove, gray squirrel and support special status species including golden eagle, foothill yellow-legged frog, and mountain lion. The Property is also critical winter range for the Mooretown deer herd and protection of this range is imperative for the ongoing health of the herd.  
 Project ID: 2023018

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** John P. Walsh, 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: Public Resources Code section 21080.28

Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 Project involves the acquisition of an interest in land by a public agency for preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of transfer, including plant and animal habitats.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** John P. Walsh

**Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (916) 539-8016

**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 Fris for* **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 8/28/2024

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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