

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: Don Crocker

Project Title: Building Resilience on Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands in the Channel Islands

Project Location – City: Approximately 25 miles west of Oxnard

Project Location – County: Santa Barbara

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The project will restore habitat on Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands, two of California's Channel Islands, by increasing the area of fog-harvesting cloud forest on Santa Rosa Island, reducing infestations of high priority invasive plants, increasing the area of resilient riparian woodlands, increasing populations of four priority-listed plant species, and involving the public in meaningful ways with the restoration projects on both islands. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024073.

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: Section 15304 Class 4
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

The project is a minor alteration in land, water, and vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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:  **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 11/22/2024

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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