

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: Amy Henderson

Project Title: Enhancing Biodiversity and Resilience in the Amargosa Basin

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 043-030-03, 043-040-07, 043-110-15, 043-130-04, 043-060-01, 043-120-04, 043-140-02, 043-200-03, 043-220-02, 046-120-47, 046-120-38, 046-110-08, 046-290-01, 046-290-03, 046-320-BLM, 046-330-08, 046-330-01, 046-330-07, 046-330-05, 046-330-04, 046-330-03

Project Location – City: Shoshone and Tecopa

Project Location – County: Inyo and San Bernardino

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The Enhancing Biodiversity and Resilience in the Amargosa Basin planning project involves hydrological monitoring of the southern Amargosa Basin, preparation of a riparian restoration plan for the Amargosa River and Willow Creek, and preparation of a habitat restoration plan for the endangered Amargosa vole. The habitat restoration plans will involve additional information collecting such as a vole trapping effort for baseline population, and additional seed collecting of species to be utilized for the restoration of the Amargosa River and Willow Creek. The project will ultimately restore important riparian and wetland habitats in a desert ecosystem sustaining several wildlife and plant species. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024050.

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:
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 The project partially involves feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions and information collection to help inform those planning efforts. The project also consists of basic data collection and research which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource or topographical feature. The remainder of the project contains minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation.

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