

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: Kendall Webster

Project Title: Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Expansion #18 (Soper) CE

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 056-260-018-000, 056-260-019-000 (portion) and 056-260-021-000 (portion)

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. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023074.

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: PRC 21080.28
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project involves the acquisition of land for conservation purposes, to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or 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: John Walsh **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 11/25/2024

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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