

## 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> Michael Shaw

**Project Title:** Pico Blanco (Esselen)

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 418-021-056 and 418-181-021

**Project Location – City:**

**Project Location – County:** Monterey County

**CEQA Region:** Central Region

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 To acquire 327± acres of land for the protection of old growth redwood forest, South-Central Coast stream habitat, cultural resources for tribal activities and provide future wildlife-oriented public use and educational opportunities. Located four miles north of the town of Big Sur bordering the Los Padres National Forest and the Ventana Wilderness in Monterey County. WCB Project Tracker ID 2023224.

**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: Sec.5313, Class 13 and Sec.15325,Class 25  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  
 Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation 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	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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