

**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:** Hershey Ranch

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

325-070-011, 325-080-004, 325-080-013, 325-090-015, 325-090-017, 325-090-018, 325-100-018, 325-110-009, 325-110-012, 325-110-013, 325-120-015, 325-120-016, 325-130-005, 325-140-003, 325-210-018, 325-210-051, and 307-200-002

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Tulare

**CEQA Region:** Countywide

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Tule River Indian Tribe for a cooperative project with the California Natural Resources Agency to acquire 14,672± acres of land for the purposes of wildlife habitat preservation, restoration and management, cattle grazing to improve wildlife habitat, and for compatible private uses, all as may be consistent with wildlife habitat preservation and protection of sensitive biological resources. Located near Porterville in Tulare County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023240.

**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.15313, Class 13 & Sec.15325, Class 25
- 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

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