

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: Michael Shaw

Project Title: Sierra Valley Conservation Area, Expansion 9 (Grashius Phase II)

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 010-010-087, 010-010-070, 010-010-068, 010-010-072, 010-010-073, 010-010-083, 010-010-084, 010-010-085, 010-010-086

Project Location – City: Beckwourth

Project Location – County: Plumas County

CEQA Region: North Central Region

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 To consider the allocation for a grant to Feather River Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 944± acres of land for the protection of wet meadows, black oak woodlands, upland bitterbrush, mountain mahogany and sagebrush, conifers, unique rock outcrops and boulders, montane riparian (willows, cottonwoods), springs and ponds that provide wildlife corridor across lands surrounding CDFW’s Crocker Meadows Wildlife Area, and protect critical deer winter habitat for the Doyle Interstate deer herd as well as special status wildlife, including gray wolf, American badger, golden eagle, Swainson’s hawk, ferruginous hawk, bald eagle, greater sandhill crane, northern harrier, olive-sided flycatcher, yellow warbler, merlin, Cooper’s hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, flammulated owl, and nesting long-billed curlew, Lewis’s woodpecker, burrowing owl, peregrine falcon, and prairie falcon. Also, to provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities, located two and one half miles east of Beckwourth in Plumas County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2021125.

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 and Sec.15325, Class 25

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project involves the acquisition of a conservation easement 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:  **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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