

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: Brian Gibson

Project Title: Hoover Ranch

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 028-030-002, 028-030-003, 028-030-004

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Contra Costa

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The project involves the acquisition of 600± acres of land to enhance and preserve marshland and riparian woodlands, offer climate resilience benefits, protect wildlife corridors, and to provide wildlife-oriented public-use opportunities, located approximately five miles east of the city of Oakley in Contra Costa County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023195.

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: Section 15313, Class 13 & Section 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:** 11/22/2024

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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