

## 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 94244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Sadie J. Smith

**Project Title:** Toro Creek Phase II

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 (All or portions of) 073-077-046, 073-077-044, 073-076-016, 073-084-032

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** San Luis Obispo

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 To acquire 748 ± acres of land for the protection of coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, enhancement to the La Panza Range – San Geronimo Corridor, an essential connectivity area, and to provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities.

WCB Project ID# 2022036

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

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