

**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:** Sadie J. Smith

**Project Title:** Eel River Wildlife Area, Expansion 6 (Pedrazzini)

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

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

(All or Portions of) 310-043-004, 310-043-005, & 310-043-006

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Humboldt

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

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

To acquire 136± acres of land by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of estuarine and tidal marsh habitats that support a variety of native fish, wildlife, and plant species, and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion to the CDFW Eel River Wildlife Area.

WCB Project ID# 2023160

**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

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