

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: Kurt Malchow

Project Title: Building Wildlife-Friendly Resilience in Working Landscapes -Roots 138

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 The 1.20-acre project is located on privately owned non-industrial timberlands in Amador County.

Project Location – City: Volcano

Project Location – County: Amador

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 This is a 1.20-acre restoration project involving oak, native grass, pollinator plantings with a goal of improving habitat for wildlife on privately owned, non-industrial timberlands in Amador County. Several special status species use this property, including Great Grey Owl (*Strix nebuloso*), Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis*) and mountain lion (*Puma concolor*). The project will involve seeding and planting native plants for pollinators, installing irrigation as needed, and removing invasive species using manual methods (hand pulling, hand tools). (WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022065)

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Rebecca J. Fris, 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: CCR Section §15333 - small habitat restoration projects
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 WCB has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat, and the implementation activities as designed for this project, will result in the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife not to exceed five acres in size.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebecca J. Fris

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 212-5637

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: *Rebecca J. Fris* **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 12/3/2024

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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