

## Notice of Exemption

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| <b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research<br>State Clearinghouse<br>1400 Tenth Street, Room 113<br>Sacramento, CA 95814 | <b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife<br><b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b><br>P.O. Box 944209<br>Sacramento, CA 99244-2090 |
| <b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A   | <b>Attention:</b> Kurt Malchow   |

**Project Title:** Roots 109

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 The project occurs on two American River Conservancy Preserves in El Dorado County, California. The preserves are Wakamatsu, APNs 089-010-059, -060, -061, -062, -063, -064, -065, and Elliott Pond, APNs 071-051-062.

**Project Location – City:** Placerville

**Project Location – County:** El Dorado

**CEQA Region:** Unincorporated

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 The 45-acre project includes installation of grazing infrastructure to facilitate rotational grazing at two American River Conservancy preserves (Wakamatsu and Elliot Pond) in El Dorado County. Grazing infrastructure includes: fence repair/new construction, trough instillation and spring rehabilitation. Additionally, the project includes installation of a 3-acre native plant garden at Wakamatsu preserve and 15 acres of oak plantings/seedling caging (fifteen new oaks planted and 25 oak seedlings caged ). (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: Class 4 exemption (Section 15304), Minor Alterations to Land  
 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 minor alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemptions.

**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:** 1/17/2025

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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| Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.<br>Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code | <b>SCH #:</b><br><b>Posted Date:</b><br><b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b> |
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