

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 137

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

This 16.5-acre project occurs on a property in Tuolumne County (APN's: 096-120-17-00;096-200-0700).

Project Location – City: Sonora

Project Location – County: Tuolumne County

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

This 16.5-acre restoration project involves restoring approximately 0.5-acres of a blue line creek through removal of invasive Himalayan blackberry and replanting with native species. This project also incorporates restoring 15-acres of grassland that has been previously burned through a CalFire prescribed burn with a native grass and forb mixture. (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 §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 exemption.

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

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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