

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 107

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 This property is located at 1800 Valley Rd. near Willits, CA. Historically used as cropland, livestock, hayland, residential, and wildlife use, it is approximately 40 acres. Project Area is approximately 2.04 Acres. APN: 10304003.

Project Location – City: Willits, CA

Project Location – County: Mendocino

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The goals for the site are to create habitat connectivity along the western and eastern sides of the property that connect the northern riparian zone to the larger trees and other habitat along the south of the property. This zone will include a native hedgerow, native pollinator planting, milkweed planting, oak planting, and invasive plant removal. This planting will provide structure, food resources, and cover to pollinators, birds, invertebrates and mammal species. Other components of the plan are to install bird nesting boxes, bee boxes, and a kestrel box. Total project area is approximately 2.04 acres. (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: Signed by:
Rebecca J. Fris **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 1/29/2025

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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