

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: Don Crocker

Project Title: I-5 Sierra Madre-Castaic Wildlife Crossing Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 A segment of Interstate 5 that starts at the northern boundary of the City of Santa Clarita and runs 26 miles north.

Project Location – City: Santa Clarita

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 Project will conduct feasibility and constraints analyses for at least 4 wildlife crossing locations and to identify at least one priority wildlife crossing that will have Caltrans documentation, environmental review, and 65% designs developed for the construction of a crossing. This crossing will improve wildlife connectivity along a 26-mile stretch of Interstate 5 that bisects protected lands in the Sierra Madre and Castaic Ranges in Los Angeles County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024081.

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:
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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:** 2/26/2025

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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