

## Notice of Exemption

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

**Project Title:** Otay Mesa Habitat Restoration Phase III

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 The Clayton Preserve

**Project Location – City:** Otay Mesa

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 Improvement of the hydrologic function and restoration of vernal pool and surrounding coastal sage scrub habitats on the City of San Diego’s Clayton preserve property in western Otay Mesa. Western Otay Mesa is a suburban and industrial community near the international border with Mexico. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024124.

**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: Section 15333, Class 33 and Section 15304, Class 4  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  
 Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 Project involves the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife and does not exceed five acres in size. The project also consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

**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	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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