

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:

Project Title: Ana Belle Farms

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Kern County: APN: 047-040-08

Tulare County: APN: 333-220-004 & 333-210-014

Project Location – City:

Project Location – County: Kern County and Tulare County

CEQA Region: Central Region

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will exchange a 10-acre parcel of land in Kern County designated as part of the Allensworth Ecological Reserve for 20 acres of land in Tulare County owned by Ana Belle Farms, LLC. within the greater Allensworth Ecological Reserve area. The 10-acre parcel was encroached upon and converted into a pistachio orchard. Ana Belle Farms, LLC. has offered to exchange two separate 10-acre parcels of unimproved natural land.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: John P. Walsh, 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: Sec.5313, Class 13 and Sec.15325,Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Public Resources Code section 21080.28
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves acquisition of land by a public agency for preservation of natural conditions and the transfer of land for continuing agricultural use. Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Walsh

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 539-8016

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:

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John Walsh

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 3/27/2025

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

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