

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 110

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 This project will be implemented on near Covelo, CA, in oak woodland and seasonal wet meadow habitat. The project area is less than 3 acres in size.

Project Location – City: Covelo, CA

Project Location – County: Mendocino

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 This ~3.0-acre project will increase riparian vegetation buffers, create cover for birds, insects, and small mammals, create a wildlife corridor, and increase diverse pollinator habitat. The project involves installing fencing around a seasonal wet meadow to exclude livestock, planting native cottonwoods, willows, and hedgerows for pollinators and birds, and installing irrigation for native plantings, as needed. (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:** 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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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 WCB Board Meeting Folder