

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 112

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 This project will be implemented on approx. 8.87 acres of Douglas-fir encroached oak woodland and approximately 1 acre of a mix of native and invasive grassland. APNs: 05644002, 05644014.

Project Location – City: Laytonville, CA

Project Location – County: Mendocino

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 This project was selected as a project site because of the potential to restore oak woodland and meadows for wildlife access. The current site conditions on the east side of the project area are overstocked with Douglas-fir on oak woodlands. The working ranch on the western grassland is used for sheep, poultry and pig production. The project will remove encroaching small DBH Douglas-fir trees (8" DBH or less) and plant native madrone and oak species to enhance oak woodland, fence off and plant willows in a riparian zone, and establish native hedgerows for wildlife species and diversity. (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 §15304: minor alterations to land
 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 designated for this project, will result in minor alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemptions.

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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