

## 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> Kurt Malchow

**Project Title:** Building Wildlife-Friendly Resilience in Working Landscapes - Roots 146

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 APNs: 022-270-170, 038-220-030, 038-230-040  
 The project has two locations in the Shasta Valley in Siskiyou County: one outside of Gazelle, and the other outside of Grenada. Both are riparian/meadow areas with grazed perennial pasture. The project corresponds to portions of sections 24 and 25, T 44N, Range 6W of the Little Shasta USGS Quad, and portions of section 10, T 42N, Range 6W of the Gazelle and China Mtn USGS Quads. The total project area is approximately 1 acre.

**Project Location – City:** Gazelle, Grenada

**Project Location – County:** Siskiyou

**CEQA Region:** Unincorporated

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 The overall goal of this project is to enhance wildlife habitat. This project will install 42 wildlife structures on two ranches in the Shasta Valley, totaling approximately 1 acre. At the Grenada ranch, there will be 10 small birdhouses attached to fence posts. There will also be 2 kestrel boxes, one barn owl box, and one bat house; all mounted on poles. There will also be one barn owl box and one bat house, mounted on buildings. At the Gazelle Ranch, there will be 20 small birdhouses attached to fence posts. There will also be 2 raptor perches, and 3 small birdhouses; mounted on poles. There will also be a turtle basking structure installed at a pond edge. (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:** *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	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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