

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services
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Project Title: Work and Financial Plan between Lassen County and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for the Integrated Wildlife Damage Program (Work and Financial Plan for the IWDM) and Cooperative Service Agreement between Lassen County and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services.

File Number: 830.11

Project Proponent: Lassen County

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Project Location: Countywide

Project Description: The Work and Financial Plan to be conducted from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 defines the objectives, plan of action, resources, and budget for the maintenance of an Integrated Wildlife Damage (IWDM) program. The purpose of the IWDM program, as described in Cooperative Service Agreement Number 23-7306-0257-RA, is to protect residents, property, livestock, crops, and natural resources from damage caused by predators and other nuisance wildlife.

Exempt Status:

1. Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); 15268);
2. Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
3. Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
4. Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15307 and 15308
5. Statutory Exemptions. State type and section number:
6. Other: 15061(b)(3), “General Rule” Exemption;

Reason why project is exempt:

The Lassen County Environmental Review Officer has determined that the Work and Financial Plan and Cooperative Service Agreement for the IWDM is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Sections 15061(b)(3), 15307, and 15308 of the Guidelines, each of which stands as a separate and independent basis for determining that the IWDM is exempt from CEQA.

Said sections state the following, respectively:

A project is exempt from CEQA if... the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Class 7 consists of an action taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment.

Class 8 consists of an action taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment.

The IWDM is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 7 and Class 8 categorical exemptions because the program is enacted by a regulatory agency to protect livestock, crops, human health and safety and property from wildlife damage. Additionally, the financial plan covers a one year period, while the IWDM program has been in operation for more than a century.



Gaylon F. Norwood

Environmental Review Officer



Date