

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-33

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Project site is an 157 acre ranch in Mariposa County with blue oak savannahs and woodlands at 1,000-1,200 ft in elevation. T05S R16E Sections 13,24.

Project Location – City: Catheys Valley

Project Location – County: Mariposa

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The overall project goal is to enhance pollinator habitat by managing grazing for the benefit of monarch plantings. Grazing activities will be managed to minimize milkweed competition by non-native annual grasses. This goal will be supported through increasing the availability of wildlife water through the summer months. Activities will include installing cross-fencing for grazing management to benefit pollinators, installing wildlife guzzler with water catchment structure and tanks, installing water catchment structure and tank to upgrade existing wildlife guzzler to be self-watering, and installing and maintaining wildlife cameras for monitoring and educational purposes. Monarchs, beneficial insects, small and large mammals, raptors and songbirds are expected to benefit from the project. 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, Acting 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: Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- ☐ 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 minor extensions to existing grazing management utilities, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15303 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:  DocuSigned by: Rebecca J. Fris

Title: Acting Executive Director

Date: 10/11/2023

☒ 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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