

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 #85

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Project site is along roughly 2500 linear feet of the southern bank of the Pajaro River on cropland adjacent to Frazier Lake Road. T11S R04E Sections 14, 23.

Project Location – City: Hollister

Project Location – County: San Benito

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The main goals of the project are to plant riparian vegetation extending up to 2,400 linear feet along the southern bank of the Pajaro River and to plant three hedgerows totaling up to 2,650 linear feet. The hedgerows will be along the main farm roads and also serve as a buffer along Frazier Lake Road. In addition to revegetation efforts, the landowners would like to install raptor perches and nesting boxes for owls, kestrels and/or songbirds. The landowners' overall goals are to stabilize streambanks, increase predation of insect and rodent pests by native raptors, songbirds, and beneficial insects, and improve pollinator habitat. Activities include installing nesting/roosting boxes for birds and bats, and perches for raptors, seeding and planting native plants for pollinators, and installing above-ground irrigation for native plantings as needed (above or belowground), removing trash/garbage from wildlife habitat and restoration sites, removing/controlling invasive plant species using manual methods (hand pulling, hand tools, and conducting surveys and monitoring of wildlife and habitat restoration sites. 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: 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 to not 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: 

Title: Acting Executive Director

Date: 10/25/2023

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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