


## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814  <b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090  <b>Attention:</b> Kurt Malchow
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<b>Project Title:</b> California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project, Roots #32
<b>Project Applicant:</b> Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)
<b>Project Location – Specific: APN(s)</b>  Project area is located in Nevada County, in the Deer Creek watershed. The project encompasses approximately 15 acres of mixed conifer / oak woodland at approx. 2500 ft. elevation. T 16N R 08E Section 11, 12; APN: 005-101-002
<b>Project Location – City:</b> Nevada City
<b>Project Location – County:</b> Nevada County
<b>CEQA Region:</b> Unincorporated
<b>Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:</b>  The purpose of this project is to enhance forest and watershed resiliency and functions for wildlife benefit and cultural values through indigenous-led thinning treatments, plantings, and knowledge sharing on approximately 15 acres. Trash cans will also be installed to reduce garbage across the site with public access through a network of existing trails.
<b>Public Agency Approving Project:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB
<b>Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:</b> Rebecca J. Fris, Deputy Executive Director, WCB
<b>Exempt Status: (Check One)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 15268): <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land. <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Reasons why this project is exempt:</b>  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 alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 exemptions.

<b>Lead Agency Contact Person:</b> Rebecca J. Fris
<b>Area Code/Telephone Extension:</b> (916) 212-5637
<b>If filed by applicant:</b> 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. 2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, (by this notice) <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Signature:</b>  <b>Title:</b> Deputy Executive Director <b>Date:</b> 8/19/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency <input type="checkbox"/> 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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