

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 134

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 APN: 021-160-040-000, 021-160-008-000; Township 05N Range 08W Section 35; USGS 7.5' Quad Petaluma; The project will be implemented on a section of private property located in Sonoma County that is currently grazed by cattle and dominated by introduced annual grasses. Total project area is 3.95 acres.

Project Location – City: Petaluma

Project Location – County: Sonoma

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The goal of this project is to increase habitat for birds and pollinators and restore the oak savanna plant community that historically would have been on this property. This project will plant 320 native shrubs, forbs, and trees in two upland areas on the property. The establishment of native vegetation will add diversity to the species and structure of the plants in the area which will increase food and shelter for birds, insects, and mammals that frequent the area. Activities will include planting native plants, adding mulch around plants, installing temporary fences and caging to protect plants while they become established, installing irrigation for native plantings, removing/controlling invasive plant species using manual methods (hand pulling, hand tools), and conducting plant establishment monitoring and photo monitoring of the habitat restoration site. Total project area is 3.95 acres.

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:  **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 10/8/2024

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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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