

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: Wildlife Habitat and Community Resilience on Working Lands - Roots 108

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

The 4.05-acre Project will be located on a private 125-acre organic walnut orchard in Solano County. APN 0103240200.

Project Location – City: Winters

Project Location – County: Solano

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Sierra Orchards is an organic walnut orchard near Winters, CA. The site has been in production agriculture for decades. The project would install approximately 1,800 feet of hedgerow (approx. 400 plants), 160 native plants near an existing pond as well as owl and songbird boxes near the pond. The objectives of the project are to improve habitat for pollinators and other beneficial wildlife.

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: Section 15304, Minor alternations to land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

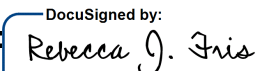
Reasons why this project is exempt:

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 alterations to land and vegetation, and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15304 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: 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

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