

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 153

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 The 2.2-acre project will occur on a private property managed for agriculture.

Project Location – City: Grass Valley

Project Location – County: Nevada

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The goals of this project are to increase riparian habitat, remove invasive plant species, sequester carbon, reduce erosion, and engage the local community in conservation practices and restoration science. The 2.2 acre project would include the establishment of native (mostly) woody vegetation along two sections of creek bank. The long-term revegetation goal is to enhance over and mid-story complexity along the stream. The project will enhance wildlife habitat connectivity and thermal refugia for a diversity of birds, mammals, amphibians, and other wildlife. The plant palette will reduce the vulnerability of wildlife to phenological mismatches by increasing the number of months and the amount of resources (cover, food) that are available. (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, 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
 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: DocuSigned by:
Rebecca J. Fris **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 10/29/2024

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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