

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 102

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 APN(s): 6070222400 & 6070210400. The project will be implemented on a farm in south east San Diego County near Lake Morena. The farmland includes agave and fruit trees. The surrounding area is a xeric shrub chaparral mixed with some large Oak trees.

Project Location – City: Lake Morena

Project Location – County: San Diego

CEQA Region: unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The Roots project includes establishing a number of native plantings, barbed wire fence removal, and installation of wildlife habitat structures. The native plantings will include herbaceous and woody native species, that when combined, will create year-round blooming for pollinators. The fence removal will allow wildlife to move within the property boundaries without risking injury and the wildlife structures will provide new space for roosting, nesting, and perching. The total project area will be 5.44 acres. (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: Class 4 exemption (CCR Section §15304) minor alterations 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:  **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 12/3/2024

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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