

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 113

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

This project will be implemented on approx. 190 acres of oak savannah, grassland, and oak riparian woodland on Magruder Ranch near Potter Valley, CA.

Project Location – City: Potter Valley, CA

Project Location – County: Mendocino

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

This 190-acre project aims to perform several wildlife improvements on the landscape. First, removing over 10,000 ft. of hazardous fence on site where entanglements of deer, tule elk and other wildlife have been recorded. Second, an irrigated hedgerow planting will be implemented to provide diverse food and cover resources for wildlife populations in pasturelands adjacent to a watercourse. Lastly, planting and protecting new and existing blue oak and valley oak seedlings in existing oak woodlands to establish a new age class for the continuation of that ecosystem. (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 §15304) covers minor alterations to land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

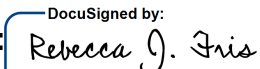
Reasons why this project is exempt:

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:  DocuSigned by: Rebecca J. Fris

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 12/20/2024

☒ 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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