

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 130

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

APN - 5991401000. This 1.36-acre project will be implemented on a private property in Jamul, San Diego, that includes housing, a small farm, and two areas covered in native species (an ephemeral creek, a chaparral hillside).

Project Location – City: Jamul

Project Location – County: San Diego

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

This 1.36-acre project will create habitat for the federally threatened Hermes Copper Butterfly by installing patches of redberry buckthorn (*Rhamnus crocea*), a critical host plant for the larval stage of this butterfly species, throughout the site along the chaparral hillside. Other native species will also be planted throughout these patches to benefit pollinators and wildlife. Additionally, several native riparian trees will be planted along a creek that runs through the property to expand riparian forest habitat. (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 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:

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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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