

**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 120

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

APNs: 245-070-09-00, 245-070-10-00, 245-070-12-00 & 245-070-13-0. The 20.78-acre project is located within a Coast Live and Englemann Oak woodland in San Diego County that includes a olive orchard. There is a small ephemeral creek that runs through part of the property as well.

**Project Location – City:** Santa Ysabel

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**CEQA Region:** Unincorporated

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

The 20.78-acre project includes a number of components that will benefit wildlife including removal of hazardous barbed wire fencing, creating wildlife brush piles within the more open meadow space, and planting acorns, native flora, and saplings of Englemann Oaks to create a more age-diverse woodland. (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: 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:**  Signed by: *Rebecca J. Fris*

**Title:** Deputy Executive Director

**Date:** 1/29/2025

☒ 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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