

**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 150

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

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

The approximately 0.2-acre project is located on a vacant property in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, California. The project corresponds to APN 21-284-10.

**Project Location – City:** Oakland

**Project Location – County:** Alameda

**CEQA Region:** Unincorporated

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

This project aims to establish a neighborhood native plant garden that demonstrates Native American land restoration methods and ecological practices. This garden will serve as an educational hub and a cultural resource for the local community. The approximately 0.2-acre project includes establishment of an approximately 4,500 sq ft native plant garden to provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators. The project will install approximately 56 plants consisting of native trees, perennials, and annuals to provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators within the City of Oakland. The project also includes installation of 5 bird nest boxes, 1 bee box, and 5 butterfly saucers within the native plant garden. (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:**  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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