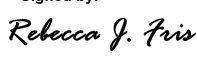
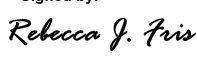
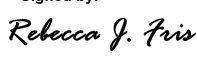


Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 County Clerk (County of): Tulare	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 Contact: Hayley Pechner Phone: (916) 539-6645 Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resources Management Agency Contact: Jason Garcia-LoBue Phone: (559) 624-7123			
State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted by State Clearinghouse) 2025050387				
Project Title: Windy Springs Meadow Restoration				
Project Location: APNs 310-140-020, 310-140-037 and 310-140-038; on south side of Windy Springs Road approximately 1 mile east of Kennedy Meadows Road (Sherman Pass Road).				
CEQA Region: S. CA				
Project Description: The Project is designed to restore the ecological form and function of Windy Springs meadow and the associated springs and intermittent tributary to increase resilience to climate change and wildfire. Implementing the Project will provide social benefits including engaging tribal members and providing educational and cultural opportunities for tribal members, college students and others. Restoration actions will be implemented on 3.1 acres of the meadow. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025154.				
This is to advise that the Wildlife Conservation Board has approved the above-described project on 5/28/26 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.				
☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency				
Exempt Status: (Check One) ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268): ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: ☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: ☒ Categorical Exemption, State Section Number and type: 15333, Class 33, Small Habitat Restoration Projects ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number and type:				
Reasons why project is exempt: This project will not exceed five acres in size and will be implemented to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.				
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				
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