

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: Fahey Meadow Restoration Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 Project is a 33 acre meadow composed of perennial sedges & annual grasses, located in the Mi-Wok Ranger District of Stanislaus National Forest. APNs: 520-200-900, 520-202-500.

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Tuolumne

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 Fahey Meadow is a 33 acre meadow composed of perennial sedges & annual grasses, located in the Mi-Wok Ranger District of Stanislaus National Forest. Primary actions of this project include fencing repair around the perimeter of the meadow, native seed dispersal, and encroaching conifer removal. Repairing the currently nonfunctional livestock enclosure fence will prevent cattle from damaging sensitive restoration sites. Spreading appropriate native seeds will help to restore meadow-specific native plants to the area, which will stabilize vulnerable soils, and improve diversity and resilience of native plants that will benefit pollinators and wildlife in the area that depend on meadow forage for food and shelter. Small conifer removal within and around the perimeter of the meadow will prevent the loss of meadow habitat and will help to mitigate the drying trend observed in the meadow. (WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022089).

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 Sections 15301 (existing structures), 15304 (minor alterations to land)
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 The fencing component of this project is exempt under CCR Section 15301 because it will restore the existing fence line to a functional status and will not expand the footprint of the fence. The remaining activities are exempt under CCR Section 15304 due to the non-invasive habitat restoration practices to be implemented in the project.

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:** 5/15/2025

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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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