

## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Kurt Malchow

**Project Title:** Reynolds E & F Meadow Restoration Maintenance Project

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 Reynolds E and F are two nearby meadows dominated by annual grasses & perennial sedges, located in the Groveland Ranger District. APN: 052-070-008.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Tuolumne

**CEQA Region:** Unincorporated

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 Primary actions of this project include maintenance of previously installed post-assisted log structures in the meadow stream channel, native seed dispersal, placement of large woody debris on the meadow surface, and encroaching conifer removal. Reinforcement of post-assisted log structures will address headcuts and prevent further channel incision, which will improve the hydrologic function of the meadow and add complexity to the channel. Installation of large woody debris on the meadow surface will slow and spread sheet flows and reduce straight-line cattle trailing. 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. (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: 15304 (minor alterations to land), 15301 (existing facilities); 15333

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 The project is exempt under CCR Section 15304 because the project consists of minor alterations to land and vegetation. This project is also exempt under CCR Section 15301 because it involves maintenance of existing facilities. This project is also exempt under CCR Section 15333 because the project aims to restore meadow habitat, which would benefit pollinators, wildlife, and plants. 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	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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