

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: Walton Cabin Springs Restoration Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 Project site is a 10.5 acre meadow composed of perennial sedges and annual grasses, located in the Mi-Wok Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest APNs: 066-200-006, 066-200-001.

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, invasive plant removal, 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. Manually removing invasive plants and 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)
 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.

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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