

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: Wet Meadow

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 Wet Meadow is a 5 acre meadow located in the Mi-Wok Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. APNs 531-401-300, 531-400-900.

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 fencing repair around the perimeter of the meadow, invasive plant removal, native seed dispersal, placement of large woody debris on the meadow surface, and encroaching conifer removal. Repairing the currently nonfunctional livestock enclosure fence will prevent cattle from damaging sensitive restoration sites. Placement of large woody debris will help to slow and spread sheet flows across the meadow. Small conifer removal within and around the perimeter of the meadow will prevent the loss of meadow habitat. Manually removing invasive plants and spreading appropriate native seeds will help restore meadow-specific plants to the area.

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, 15304, 15333

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Other:

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

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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