

## 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> Brian Gibson

**Project Title:** Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (DWR Big Notch Easement)

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
042-280-012, 042-260-007, 033-300-005, 033-560-001, 033-012-021, 033-300-033, 033-560-002, 033-012-014, 033-300-011, 033-560-003, 033-560-004, 033-640-021, 033-560-006, 033-560-005, 033-120-021, 033-120-007, 033-140-031, 033-140-047, 033-140-048, 033-140-045, 033-140-046, 033-140-043, 033-140-044, 033-160-025, 033-160-005, 033-160-012, 033-160-029, 033-160-023, 033-160-028, 033-160-003, 033-160-031, 033-160-001, 033-160-030, 033-160-006, 033-160-014, 033-160-021, 033-170-013, 033-180-022, 033-180-024, 033-180-010, 033-180-018, 033-180-027, 033-190-005, 033-120-034, 033-120-035, 033-120-036, 033-120-037, 033-140-057, 033-140-059, 033-300-035, 033-560-009

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Yolo

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 The purpose of the project is for the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), on behalf of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), to grant a perpetual right-of-way and easement to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) over 14,100± acres of CDFW land located in Yolo County for the purposes of seasonal floodplain fisheries, rearing habitat, and fish passage. DWR will have the immediate right for flowage of 6,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) from November 1 to March 15 through the gates at Fremont Weir and have those flows pass over CDFW property. DWR has the further right, contingent upon and subject to prior environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to flow up to 12,000 cfs through the gates at Fremont Weir as more fully described in DWR's Notice of Exemption dated March 7, 2022 (SCH #2013032004). WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024089.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** John P. Walsh, 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:

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Public Resources Code 21080.28

Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 Project involves the transfer of an interest in land by a public agency for the purposes of restoring natural conditions including seasonal floodplain fisheries, rearing habitat, and fish passage. In addition, the Project grants rights in real property that cannot be exercised until environmental review otherwise required by CEQA occurs before exercise of that right.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** John P. Walsh

**Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (916) 539-8016

**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:** DocuSigned by: John Walsh **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 5/23/2025

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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