

## 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> Amy Henderson

**Project Title:** Bombay Beach Wetland Enhancement

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 002-640-003-000 and 002-650-001-000

**Project Location – City:** Community of Bombay Beach

**Project Location – County:** Imperial County

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 The Project includes the stabilization, enhancement, restoration, and maintenance of approximately 564 acres of wetland habitat, which will protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat along the northeast shore of the Salton Sea. The Project includes expanding wetland habitat on exposed lakebed and upland habitats by spreading stormwater and excess flow onto the playa through a series of flow dispersal and low impact engineered structures. Additionally, the project will create and reinforce natural berms within the existing wetland habitat to increase water retention time and maximize the footprint and habitat value of the wetland. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022138.

**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:  
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 21080.56  
 Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 The Project meets all criteria of Public Resources Code section 21080.56 including the following conditions: (1) the Project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (2) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's

**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:** *Rebecca J. Fris* **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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