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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: Michael Shaw

Project Title: Purisima Hills Junak Conservation Easement

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

099-060-012, -013, -014, -018, -027, and -031

Project Location – City: Lompoc

Project Location – County: Santa Barbara

CEQA Region: Southern Coastal Region

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Project involves a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant and subgrant of these federal funds to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, and a Wildlife Conservation Board grant to Land Trust for Santa Barbara County to acquire a conservation easement over 556± acres of land for the protection of wildlife habitat and sensitive biological resources, including, without limitation, coast oak woodland, annual grasslands, costal scrub, ephemeral riparian drainages and ephemeral ponds which provide important aquatic refugia for California tiger salamander and other sensitive amphibians. Located north of Highway 246 between Lompoc and Buellton, in Santa Barbara County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023197.

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: Sec.15313, Class 13 and Sec.15325,Class 25
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

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 B286214C820F47D... **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

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