

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 County Clerk (County of): N/A	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090 Attention: Michael Shaw
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Project Title: Tularcitos Creek

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 197-061-06, 197-061-068, 197-061-066, 197-061-065, 197-061-064, 197-061-063, 197-061-061, 197-061-062, 197-061-067, 197-061-059

Project Location – City: Carmel Valley

Project Location – County: Monterey County

CEQA Region: Central Coast

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 Project will provide a grant to Esselen Tribe of Monterey County to acquire 1,720± acres of land for the protection of oak woodland, vernal pools, riparian habitat that support threatened and endangered species, including South Central Coast steelhead, California red-legged frog, yellow-legged frog, and California tiger salamander. The property will also provide access to sacred cultural and archeological sites of the Esselen and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities. Located less than eight miles east of Carmel Valley in Monterey County. WCB Project ID: 2024116.

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 **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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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