

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 94244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Celestial Reysner

Project Title: Fremont Valley Ecological Reserve, Expansion 1

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

457-040-17

Project Location – City: California City

Project Location – County: Kern County

CEQA Region: Southern CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

To consider the expansion of the Fremont Valley Ecological Reserve for the protection of 80 acres of unaltered Mojave and Sonoran desert creosote scrub habitat type that has a high potential to support many species. The property is located approximately 6 miles west of Highway 395 and surrounded by the Fremont Valley Ecological Reserve in Kern County.

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 Section 21080.28
- Other:

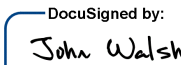
Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of an interest in land by a public agency for preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of transfer, including plant and 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:  **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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