

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: Kim Cruz

Project Title: Butte County Meadowfoam (Eshoo)

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
002-160-076

Project Location – City: Chico

Project Location – County: Butte

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The allocations for a Wildlife Conservation Board grant and USFWS Section 6 subgrant to California Open Lands to assist in its acquisition of 20± acres for the protection of rare habitat for the federal and state endangered plant species, Butte County meadowfoam, federally threatened vernal pool fairy shrimp, and federally endangered vernal pool tadpole shrimp. Also for wildlife habitat preservation, restoration and management, wildlife-oriented education and research, and for compatible public or private uses, all as may be consistent with wildlife habitat preservation and protection of sensitive biological resources. Located in the city of Chico in Butte County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024014.

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 & Sec.15325, Class 25

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project involves the transfer of an ownership interest in land for conservation purposes and 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:
 **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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