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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: Kurt Malchow

Project Title: Building Wildlife-Friendly Resilience in Working Landscapes - Roots 179

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

APN: 043-210-001-000; Township 07N Range 04E Section 30; USGS 7.5' Quad - Clarksburg; The project will be implemented on the edges and within a private property in Yolo County managed for livestock production. Total project area is 3.04 acres.

Project Location – City: Clarksburg

Project Location – County: Yolo

CEQA Region: Unincorporated

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The goal of this project is to create hedgerow plantings and artificial nest boxes for birds that will provide habitat for beneficial arthropods (e.g., native bees), birds, and other vertebrate wildlife. The proposed 3,180-ft. hedgerow plantings are on a property that uses no insecticides, which can serve as a refuge embedded in an intensively and conventionally managed vineyard and cropland landscape. They are buffered from neighboring vineyards and insecticide drift by roads, but have connectivity to irrigation water conveyance channels that have threads of existing habitat. The installation of three barn owl nest boxes and four nest boxes for small songbirds, like bluebirds and tree swallows, will support these species to expand into habitats that previously may not have been available to them. (WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022065).

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: CCR Section 15333 - small habitat restoration projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

WCB has determined that the objectives of enhancement and restoration of wildlife and pollinator habitat, and the implementation activities as designed for this project, will result in the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife not to exceed five acres in size.

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: Signed by: Rebecca J. Fris 1EAD9B041E6D476... **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 8/6/2025

☑ 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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