

**Notice of Exemption**

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| <b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research<br>State Clearinghouse<br>1400 Tenth Street, Room 113<br>Sacramento, CA 95814 | <b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife<br><b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b><br>P.O. Box 944209<br>Sacramento, CA 99244-2090 |
| <b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A                                                                                     | <b>Attention:</b> Kim Cruz                                                                                                         |

**Project Title:** Sacramento River Wildlife Area Mile 164 - L (Felkins)**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

013-160-025, 013-160-028 &amp; 013-160-031.

**Project Location – City:****Project Location – County:** Glenn**CEQA Region:** N. CA**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

To consider the acquisition 128± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of valley foothill riparian and riverine habitats and special status species including the federally threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle and state threatened bank swallow. The acquisition would strengthen connectivity with the 13 Units of CDFW's Sacramento River Wildlife Area and the USFWS Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities as an expansion to CDFW's Sacramento River Wildlife Area Princeton East Unit located across from the town of Princeton in Glenn County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024018.

**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 21080.28
- ☐ Other:

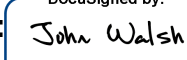
**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

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:** 8/28/2025☒ 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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