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# Notice of Exemption

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

**Project Title:** Antelope Lake Conservation Easement

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

018-320-009-000, 018-320-015-000, 018-320-013-000, 018-320-011-000, 024-050-014-000, 024-050-015-000, 024-050-016-000, 024-050-017-000.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Mono

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

Acquisition of a conservation easement over 197± acres of land for the protection and preservation of wildlife habitat, water quality, water quantity, restoration and management, habitat connectivity and wildlife-oriented education and research. Located near the community of Benton in Mono County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024092.

**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: Sections 15313, Class 13 & 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: John Walsh 3286244C82DF47D... **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 8/28/2025

☑ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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| Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.<br>Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code | **SCH #:**<br>**Posted Date:**<br>**Date Received for Filing at OPR:** |

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