

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: Don Crocker

Project Title: San Diego Bay Salt Marsh Enhancement

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 San Diego Bay and surrounding properties including: San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) [Sweetwater Marsh Unit (Sweetwater Marsh, Paradise Marsh, Connector Marsh, D Street Fill, Marisma de Nacion Marsh, F&G Street Marsh) and South San Diego Bay Unit: Western Salt Ponds and Otay River], California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) property (Sweetwater Marsh, Sweetwater River, Silver Strand Boulevard), Port of San Diego (Port) (Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve, D Street Fill), USS Midway Museum, Department of Defense (DOD) (Navy Bayside, Delta Beaches), California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) (Silver Strand State Beach), National City, and private property (Aero Drive).

Project Location – City: Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, and Coronado

Project Location – County: San Diego

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 Allocation of a grant for a project that will survey, map, and enhance coastal habitat by controlling nonnative European sea lavender and Algerian sea lavender within coastal wetland and wetland/upland transitional habitat adjacent to the San Diego Bay within the cities of Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, and Coronado in San Diego County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025059.

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: Section 15304, Class 4
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 The Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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 **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 8/29/2025

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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