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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: Cara Allen

Project Title: American River Salmonid Rearing Habitat Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
Approximately three miles east of downtown Sacramento. Lat/long: 38.563546/-121.396156 (mid-point of project planning reach).

Project Location – City: Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, and unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

Project Location – County: Sacramento

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Project includes restoration planning activities on the lower American River within the American River Parkway to identify and prioritize sites that are feasible for creating or enhancing juvenile salmonid rearing habitat. Ten sites will be prioritized and advanced from conceptual designs up to 65% to complete environmental review and identify a programmatic permitting pathway. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025089.

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:
- ☑ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: 15262
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded and does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration, but does require consideration of environmental factors.

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:** 11/24/2025

☑ 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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