

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: Kendall Webster

Project Title: Pellon Murrieta Acquisition (Section 6)**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

900-020-014, 900-020-015, 900-020-021 and 900-020-023

Project Location – City: City of Murrieta**Project Location – County:** Riverside**CEQA Region:** Countywide**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

To consider the allocation of a WCB grant and the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Nontraditional Section 6 grant for a habitat conservation plan land acquisition, and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority to acquire 91± acres of land to contribute to Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP/NCCP), which will provide critical for MSHCP/NCCP covered species and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities. Located in Murrieta in Riverside County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025071.

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: Sec.15313, Class 13 & Sec.15325, Class 25
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes 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:

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John Walsh

Title: Deputy Executive Director**Date:**

11/25/2025



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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