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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: Don Crocker

Project Title: Western Goleta Slough Tidal Restoration Design

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

APNs: 073-120-013; 073-120-014; 073-120-015; 073-120-016

Project Location – City: Goleta

Project Location – County: Santa Barbara

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Conducting hydrologic and hydraulic studies that will inform the design of a tidal restoration project for portions of Goleta Slough that will reconnect up to 18 acres of estuarine wetlands and the development of a restoration plan for 62 acres of upland, emergent wetland, and tidal wetland habitats located on univeristy property and CDFW's Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve in the City of Goleta in Santa Barbara County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025069.

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: Section15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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:** 12/1/2025

☑ 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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