

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Napa

From: (Public Agency): California Department of Fish and Wildlife
2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100
Fairfield, CA 94534

(Address)

Project Title: Livestock Fence Replacement on the Knoxville Wildlife Area

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region

Project Location - Specific:

Knoxville Wildlife Area

Project Location - City: Napa

Project Location - County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes the replacement of existing deteriorated livestock fence with new wildlife-friendly livestock fence to contain cattle for fire fuel control on the Knoxville Wildlife Area. A lack of vegetation management has resulted in previous high intensity wildland fires that have decimated mature oak forests which has reduced local wildlife food supply. The fence alignment to be replaced lies on both sides and is adjacent to Berryessa-Knoxville Rd.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15302; Class II

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it proposes the replacement of an existing livestock fence in disrepair with a new livestock fence that will follow the alignment of the existing fence.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Stacy Martinelli

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-649-3007

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 ☐ No

Signature: *Erin Chappell*

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Date: 1/12/2026

Title: Regional Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____