

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: Sadie J. Smith

Project Title: Sycuan Peak Ecological Reserve, Expansion 10

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

521-080-07-00

Project Location – City: Jamul

Project Location – County: San Diego

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The acquisition of fee of 85± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of threatened and endangered species, to preserve biological communities supporting sensitive species, to enhance wildlife linkages, and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities, as an expansion of CDFW's Sycuan Peak Ecological Reserve. Located near the community of Jamul in San Diego County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025097.

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:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: PRC 21080.28. Acquisition of land by Public Agency
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves an acquisition of an interest in land by a public agency for preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of transfer, including plant and 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: DocuSigned by:
John Walsh

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 2/27/2026

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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