

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: Candice Marg

Project Title: Lake Earl, Expansion 43

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

107-071-017; 108-051-017; 108-051-018; and 108-051-019.

Project Location – City: Near Crescent City

Project Location – County: Del Norte

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Acceptance of 4 parcels by CDFW for the purposes of achieving fundamental organizational goals and values towards the existing Lake Earl Wildlife Area, for the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025144.

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: Public Resources Code 21080.28
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land 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: 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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