

## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Candice Marg

**Project Title:** Lake Earl, Expansion 44

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 108-230-024; 108-151-014; 108-122-023; 108-280-019; 107-261-013; 108-142-006; 108-142-007; 107-253-01;  
 107-122-027; 108-071-017; 107-032-006; 107-121-011; and 108-082-009.

**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: 2025155.

**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: Public Resources Code 21080.28

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

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:** 3/2/2026

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	<b>SCH #:</b> <b>Posted Date:</b> <b>Date Received for Filing at OPR:</b>
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