

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: Hayley Pechner

Project Title: Southern California Pollinator Conservation

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 Site selection will occur as a part of the planning process. Sites will prominently be located in San Diego County.

Project Location – City: San Deigo county wide

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CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The project will include focused surveys and habitat assessments for the Laguna mountain skipper, Harbison's dun skipper, Quino checkerspot Butterfly, and Hermes copper butterfly to identify extant populations and sites for potential restoration or translocation. It will develop final restoration plans and complete necessary environmental compliance documents for the proposed restoration activities for both the Quino checkerspot butterfly and the Harbison's dun skipper. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025060.

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: 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission 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: DocuSigned by: John Walsh for Rebecca Fris **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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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