

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: Monarch Overwintering and Breeding Habitat Restoration

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 This project will take place on 18 sites across the State. Overwintering restoration sites are located on the California coast, spanning from Santa Cruz County to Orange County. Monarch butterfly breeding habitat work will occur in Santa Clara, Merced, and Napa counties.

Project Location – City: Statewide

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CEQA Region: N. CA and S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 This project will restore 75 acres of monarch overwintering habitat and 12.5 acres of monarch migratory and early season breeding habitat. Restoring overwintering sites and early season breeding areas are two of the highest priority actions that can be taken to stabilize and recover monarch butterflies, and benefit a diverse suite of pollinating insects that occupy the same habitats. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025076.

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: 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project would involve minimal disturbance to public lands, and will not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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* **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 3/2/2026
 for Rebecca Fris

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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