

Notice of Exemption

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| 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: James Croft |

Project Title: Honey Lake Wildlife Area Sanctuary Enhancement Phase I

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 Honey Lake Wildlife Area, Latitude: 40.357178°, Longitude: -120.307485°

Project Location – City: 3 miles west of Wendel

Project Location – County: Lassen

CEQA Region: N. CA.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The Project will overhaul the HLWA waterfowl sanctuary to provide high quality seasonal and semi-permanent wetland habitat for migratory waterfowl. The “Fleming Dam,” “Mickey Mouse Dam” and “Overflow Dam” are the three primary diversion structures off the Susan River. Efficient operation of these dams is critical to provide water to the entire Project area. All three structures are dilapidated and restrict the ability to deliver water to managed wetland units and could cause winter flooding if they fail. The Project will reconstruct all three of these dams, replacing them with modern structures that allow for improved water and vegetation management capabilities within the sanctuary. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024024.

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)

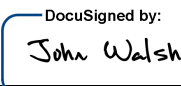
Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
 Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
 Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Section 15304, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

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:  **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 3/2/2026

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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| 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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