

**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:** Cara Allen

**Project Title:** Laguna de Santa Rosa Floodplain Restoration Planning

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

057-080-029 (partial)

**Project Location – City:**

**Project Location – County:** Sonoma

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

Project involves collecting environmental data, conducting community outreach, developing habitat restoration methods and drawings, and completing environmental review. Permitting for 175 acres at the confluence of Mark West Creek and the Laguna de Santa Rosa, to recreate lost freshwater marsh, wet meadow, and mixed riparian forest habitat, and enhance in-stream channel habitat and adjacent oak woodland habitat. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025138.

**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: Section 15262 , Feasibility and Planning Studies
- Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**

Project involves only feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions.

**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

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WCB Board Meeting Folder