

## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814  <b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090  <b>Attention:</b> Alexa Dunn
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**Project Title:** San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion 8 (Nelson)

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 113-010-13-00, 113-010-18-00, 113-010-19-00, 113-010-21-00

**Project Location – City:** Oak Grove

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**CEQA Region:** S. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 To consider the acquisition of 114± acres of land by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the protection of chaparral and coastal sage scrub habitat benefiting coastal California gnat catcher and Stephens’ kangaroo rat, as an expansion to the CDFW’s San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area located near Oak Grove, in San Diego County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2024084.

**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:

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Public Resources Code 21080.28

Other:

**Reasons why this project is exempt:**  
 Project involves the acquisition of an interest in land by a public agency for preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of transfer, including plant and 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:** 5/29/2026

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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