

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: Michael Shaw

Project Title: Park Ranch Phase 1 and Phase 2

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 002-330-012; 002-330-011; 002-330-013; 002-260-002; 002-250-009; 002-250-010; 002-340-002; and 002-300-003

Project Location – City: Markleeville

Project Location – County: Alpine County

CEQA Region: North Central Region

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 Project involves a grant to Alpine County and Western Rivers Conservancy to acquire phase 1 and phase 2 of Park Ranch totalling 1,688± acres in fee for the protection of interconnected landscape in the Eastern Sierra, including wet meadows, springs, cottonwood and willow riparian, mixed conifer forest, and sage-steppe, and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities. Located adjacent to Markleeville in Alpine County. WCB Project Tracker IDs: 2026004 & 2026048.

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	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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