

## Notice of Exemption

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	<b>From:</b> Department of Fish and Wildlife <b>Wildlife Conservation Board</b> P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
<b>County Clerk (County of):</b> N/A	<b>Attention:</b> Don Crocker

**Project Title:** South Tahoe Basin Wildlife Crossings

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**  
 The project areas include State Route 89, Pioneer Trail Road, and the US Highway 50 in the South Basin of Lake Tahoe.

**Project Location – City:** South Lake Tahoe

**Project Location – County:** El Dorado

**CEQA Region:** N. CA

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**  
 Development of a number of alternatives to assess the best possible locations for wildlife crossing structures along two highways and a county road in El Dorado County, and to develop the plans, designs, environmental review and Caltrans documentation necessary to enhance wildlife connectivity and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions within the network of roads and highways through important aquatic and terrestrial habitat. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025142.

**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:** Signed by: *Rebecca J. Fris* **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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