

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: Geneva Iversen-Krampitz

Project Title: Emerson Side Channel and Riparian Restoration Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
40.341053°,-122.199741°

Project Location – City: Cottonwood

Project Location – County: Tehama

CEQA Region: N. Region

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Project will complete 90% designs, environmental compliance, permitting and pre-implementation monitoring for an off-channel rearing habitat planning project for the benefit of Sacramento River Winter-run Chinook Salmon and other threatened salmonids. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025121.

Public Agency Approving Project: Wildlife Conservation Board

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:

The project involves only planning and design activities for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

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:

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

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