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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Wildlife Conservation Board
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Candice Marg

Project Title: Lake Earl, Expansion 42

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

107-023-002-000; 107-032-004-000; 107-042-011-000; 107-202-006-000; 107-253-018-000; 108-041-007-000; 108-042-010-000; 108-062-014-000; 108-063-012-000; 108-122-016-000; 108-130-008-000; 108-152-010-000; 108-161-022-000; 108-172-010-000; 108-191-009-000; 108-201-021-000; 107-022-005-000; and 107-221-010-000.

Project Location – City: Near Crescent City

Project Location – County: Del Norte

CEQA Region: N. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Acceptance of 18 parcels by CDFW for the purposes of achieving fundamental organizational goals and values towards the existing Lake Earl Wildlife Area for the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025094.

Public Agency Approving Project: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: John 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: Public Resources Code 21080.28
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John 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 3286244C820F4/D

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 8/24/2026

☑ 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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