Docusign Envelope ID: D619022F-6EEB-848D-83D6-31BE16C8171C

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: Kendall Webster

Project Title: Folsom Ranch (Mendocino Land Trust)

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

037-270-07-00, 037-270-10-00, 037-270-11-00, 037-280-10-00, 037-280-11-00, 037-290 11-00, 037-290-14-00, 037 -300-10-00, 037-300-14-00, 037-330-07-00, 037-330-14-00, 037-340-04-00 (portion), and 037-340-26-00 (portion)

Project Location – City: Willits

Project Location – County: Mendocino

CEQA Region: Northern California

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The protection of oak woodlands, grasslands, and mature mixed conifer forests in the Eel River and Tomki Creek watersheds, supporting threatened and endangered species including Coho and Chinook salmon and steelhead. Located ~10 miles northeast of the City of Willits, in Mendocino County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2026064.

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: Sec.15313, Class 13 & Sec.15325, Class 25
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition of land for conservation purposes, to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats. The Project also is an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes.

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 3286244C820F47D... **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 8/31/2026

☑ 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:

ec: WCB Project Tracker
WCB Board Meeting Folder