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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:** Celestial Reysner

**Project Title:** Ferrini Ranch

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

**Project Location – Specific: APN(s)**

161-011-019, 161-011-084, 161-011-057, 161-011-058, 161-011-059, 161-011-039, 161-011- 030, 161-031-016, and 161-031-017.

**Project Location – City:** Monterey

**Project Location – County:** Monterey

**CEQA Region:** Southern

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Big Sur Land Trust, for a cooperative project with the Trust for Public Land, to acquire 869± acres of land for the protection of high conservation value and functions as a critical wildlife linkage between the coast ranges and Fort Ord National Monument, and provide future wildlife-oriented public use opportunities. Located along portion of State Route 68, and is divided into two sections separated by Monterey County's Toro Park and BSLT's Marks Ranch, in Monterey County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025173.

**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: Section 15313, Class 13 & Section 15325, Class 25
- ☐ 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 3286244C820F47D... **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 11/20/2026

☑ 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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