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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: Don Crocker

Project Title: Laguna Coast Wilderness Park Restoration

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park

Project Location – City: Irvine

Project Location – County: Orange

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Restoration and enhancement of 71 acres of wildlife habitat involving the removal of non-native plants, installation of native plants, and maintenance of new plants which will improve biodiversity, climate resiliency, habitat connectivity, and ecosystem health to benefit protected wildlife species. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025107.

Public Agency Approving Project: Wildlife Conservation Board (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: Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the minor alteration of land, water, and vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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 1EAD9B041E6D478... **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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