

Notice Of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 [IMS: A-08]
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: Judah Grossman

Project Title: Climate Resilience Planning for Key Sacramento River Watersheds

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: The approximately 7 million-acre project area, characterized as forest ecosystem, is comprised of the Feather, Pit, McCloud, Upper Sacramento, and Trinity watersheds which span eight northern California counties. Approximately 62% of the project area is in public ownership, versus 38% in private ownership. These watersheds supply the Oroville, Shasta, and Trinity reservoirs which are critical water supply features of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project.

Project Location - City: Regional

Project Location - Counties: Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Butte, Shasta, Plumas, Sierra Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to develop risk versus resilience maps and identify specific restoration and conservation actions by modeling climate risk, species range, habitat, and connectivity data. This will provide decision-support and help prioritize conservation investments. This project advances the planning recommendations laid out in the Pacific Forest Trust's 2017 "Risk Assessment of California Key Source Watershed Infrastructure."

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, 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: 15262 - Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves only environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded..

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

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: 

Date: 5/28/19 Title: Executive Director

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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