Notice Of Exemption

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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: James Croft

Project Title: Building Climate Resiliency in Central Valley Wetlands

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Gray Lodge Wildlife Area: 21 miles northwest of Yuba City; San Luis National Wildlife Refuge: 13 miles north of Los Banos; Kern County private wetlands: 17 miles northwest of Wasco; Pixley National Wildlife Refuge: 19 miles southwest of Tipton.
Project Location - City: Gridley, Los Banos, Wasco, Tipton
Project Location - County: Merced, Butte, Kern, Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Development of water budget models that model future Central Valley wetland water needs under climate change scenarios

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)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)].
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies.

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions

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? X Yes (by this notice) No

Signature:

Signed by Lead Agency D Signed by Applicant

Date: <u>5/22/19</u> Title: <u>Executive Director</u>

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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