

# Notice Of Exemption

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To:  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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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: Kurt Malchow

**Project Title:** Planning For Predicted Sea Level Rise Within The Salinas Valley

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

**Project Location - Specific:** The project planning area is in north Monterey County extending from Potrero Rd to the north, to the Pacific Ocean to the west, to the Salinas River to the south and to Cooper Rd. to the east.

**Project Location – Nearest city:** Castroville

**Project Location - County:** Monterey

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this project is to evaluate managed retreat options that can help farmers avoid future flood hazards while continuing to farm areas safe from flooding and support the design of two channel and floodplain restoration projects to restore natural watershed processes to the Salinas Valley.

**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: 8/29/19

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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