

Notice of Exemption

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 [IMS: A-08]  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife  
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 944209  
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County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Heidi West

Project Title: San Joaquin River Parkway, Ball Ranch Habitat Restoration Planning and CEQA

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Approximately 4.5 miles downstream of Friant Dam on the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Ball Ranch property and on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Willow Unit, which is part of the San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve, within the San Joaquin River Parkway in Fresno County.

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Complete planning and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, and initiate permitting for habitat restoration at the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Ball Ranch and California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Willow Unit (WCB Project ID 2019093).

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:

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves only 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: 11/21/19

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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cc: WCB Binder