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 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

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County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Celestial Reysner

Project Title: Central Sierra Meadow Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Wire Corral Meadow, along Forest Road 5N31 near Strawberry in Stanislaus National Forest and Ackerson and South Ackerson Meadows on Evergreen Road near Groveland in Yosemite National Park

Project Location - City: Wire Corral: Groveland, CA and Ackerson and South Ackerson Meadow: Strawberry, CA

Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers for a cooperative project with Yosemite National Park and Stanislaus National Forest to complete environmental compliance, planning and permitting to restore 230 acres of mountain meadow at three sites: one in Yosemite National Park, one in the Stanislaus National Forest, and one managed by both the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service agencies.

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:

Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies - A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board 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? Xes (by this notice) No

Signature: John F. Donnelly

Date: 2/28/2020 Tit

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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cc: WCB Binder

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