

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: Celestial Reysner

Project Title: Haskell Peak Meadow Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Haskell Headwater Fen (APN 012-030-006-000), Chapman Saddle (APN 012-050-003-000) and Freeman Meadow (APN 007-080-016-000) located in Tahoe National Forest

Project Location - City: Bassetts Station

Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To consider the allocation for a grant to South Yuba River Citizens League for a cooperative project with Tahoe National Forest project to complete restoration plans, complete NEPA and CEQA, conduct baseline monitoring, and complete permit applications to restore 131 acres of meadow habitat at Haskell Headwater Fen, Chapman Saddle and Freeman Meadow owned by the Tahoe National Forest in the Tahoe National Forest in Sierra County.

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:
Class 4, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land: minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves environmental analysis or planning studies for possible future actions and Grantee will remove conifers less than 30 inches from within and immediately adjacent to Freeman Meadow and Chapman Saddle Meadow, 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: John P. Donnelly **Date:** 2/28/2020 **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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