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: Don Crocker

Project Title: Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Connectivity Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: 1100 Fiesta Way, Watsonville, CA.

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Sant Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This is a planning project to study the feasibility, alternatives, and cost of implementing a wildlife undercrossing on Highway 1 that would allow Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamanders and other wildlife to safely travel under the highway.

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: The project involves 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 P. Donnelly

Date:	2/28/2020
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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.

Date received for Filing:

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