## **Notice of Exemption** 2020040042 **To:** ⊠ Office of Planning and Research From: Department of Fish and Wildlife State Clearinghouse WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 [IMS: A-08] P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 95814 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 County Clerk (County of): N/A Attention: Adam Ballard Project Title: Integrated Water Strategies for Flow Enhancement in the Ventura River Watershed Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Project Location - Specific: Study area encompasses the Ventura River watershed Project Location - City: Ojai and Ventura Project Location - County: Ventura Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This scientific study will identify and analyze opportunities to enhance stream flow throughout the Ventura River watershed. The project will assess water demand, infiltration, and opportunities for reduced consumptive use in order to prioritize parcels that have the highest potential to enhance stream flow. Potential projects, such as onsite recycled water opportunities, ornamental and agricultural irrigation best management strategies, low impact development stormwater infiltration, water conservation best management practices, and potential for forbearance and/or dedication, will be assessed and rated by their local instream flow benefits. 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:** Ministerial (Sec. 15268): Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]: Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Statutory Exemptions: Section 15262; feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that the agency has not approved, adopted or funded. 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? X Yes (by this notice) No DocuSigned by: 4/2/2020 Signature: John Donnelly Title: Executive Director Date: Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for Filing:

Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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