## **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 P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090
☐ County Clerk (County of): N/A	Attention: Alyssa Persau
Project Title: Sonoma Creek Flow Enhancement De	esign
Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	
Project Location - Specific: APNs: Geib: 050-191-0 Morton's: 055-040-032 Project Location - City: Kenwood	002, Otellini: 050-200-010, Krieg: 053-190-011,  Project Location - County: Sonoma
<b>Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:</b> This planning project supports future implementation of four stream flow enhancement projects in upper Sonoma Creek, including an alluvial fan restoration project which will be taken to final design an off-channel water storage project which will be taken to conceptual design, and two fully planned water storage and water rights modification projects that will help two separate landowners eliminate the need for dry season diversion of water from Sonoma Creek. The goal of these actions is to improve summertime stream flow to help sustain steelhead and other native species in this critical portion of the watershed.	
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 agent	
Signature: Date:	Title: <u>Executive Director</u>
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.	Date received for Filing:
cc: WCB Binder WCB Surname	Governor's Office of Planning & Research
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