Notice of Exemption

To: ⊠ Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Department of Fish and Wildlife WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD Mailing address: P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Project Location – County: Santa Clara

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Kurt Weber

Project Title: Santa Cruz Mountains Linkages, Coyote Ridge Exp. 1

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: 600 Metcalf Road, San Jose, CA. APN's 627-11-013, 014, 015, and portions of 627-13-001, 002, 004, 005 and 006.

Project Location – City: San Jose

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Acquisition of 1,526± acres of land by the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Agency to provide corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems, and provide the potential for future wildlife oriented public use opportunities.

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. 15073):

Declared Emergency [Sec. 15071 (a)]:

Emergency Project [Sec. 15071 (b) and (c)]:

Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:

Section 15313, Class 13 and Section 15325, Class 25

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

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 FFB2B729029842B	Date:5/20/2020	Title: Executive Director
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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 Chron **Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

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