## **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

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Sadie J. Smith

Project Title: Vanauken Creek Conservation Easement, Project ID: 2019074

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific:** 13721 Briceland-Thorn Road, Humboldt County, CA. APNs: 215-151-001, -008, 215-162-004, -005, -018, -020, -021, -022, 220-191-007, 220-202-001, -002, -004

 Project Location – City:
 Near Whitethorn
 Project Location – County:
 Humboldt County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This project involves the acquisition of a conservation easement over 1,320± acres of wildlife habitat by the Sanctuary Forest Inc. for the for the protection of forestland and salmon bearing stream, encompassing the entire Vanauken Creek 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: (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 F. Donnelly	Date:	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:

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