## **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

Attention: Brian Gibson

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

Project Title: Burcham and Wheeler Flats Wildlife Area, Exp. 2, WCB Project ID: 2020069

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: APN 006-120-007

Project Location – City: Near Bridgeport

Project Location – County: Mono

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project involves acquisition of approximately 160 acres for the protection of eastern Sierra mountain sagebrush scrub areas that provide important habitat for mule deer and the greater sage grouse.

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:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
  - Public Resources Code 21080.28. Acquisition of an interest in Land by a Public Agency.

**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

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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