## **Notice of Exemption**

To: ⊠ Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 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: Adam Ballard

Project Title: Community Water Management Planning in Browns and Tule Creeks, Project ID: 2021021

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: (1) Browns Creek project T32N R10W Secs 03, 10, 14, 15 and T32N R09WSecs 30, 31, and T31N R09W Sec 06, (2) Tule Creek project T31N R12W Secs 10, 15, 16, 21Project Location - City: (1) Weaverville, (2) HayforkProject Location - County: Trinity

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This planning project will develop Community Water Management Plans, develop ecological flow criteria, conduct pre-project monitoring, strengthen regional partnerships, identify and prioritize 2 to 6 projects to restore dry season flows, and develop site-specific 65% project designs for these projects to improve instream flow and habitat conditions for anadromous fisheries in Browns and Tule creeks in Trinity County.

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 Exemption: 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? 🛛 Yes (by this notice) 🗌 No

Signature: Jour P. Dorrully

Date: 4/22/2021

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.

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