## **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: Little Shasta River Flow Enhancement Planning, Project ID: 2021026

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: APN 039-120-170-000 Project Location - City: Montague

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This planning project on the Little Shasta River will (1) develop alternatives analysis for replacing a diversion and create conceptual designs for the preferred alternative; (2) study and determine methods to address an identified water quality issue in the lower portion of the river; and (3) identify opportunities to partner with additional landowners to improve on-farm irrigation efficiencies .This activity will lead to instream flow enhancement to improve access to critical habitat for adults and improve out-migration flows for juvenile coho salmon.

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

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## 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? Xes (by this notice) No

Signature: John P. 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.

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