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 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Celestial Reysner

Project Title: Llagas Creek and Pajaro River Confluence Restoration

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: The project is in Llagas Creek and the Pajaro River converge near the southern end of the Santa Clara Valley, along the Santa Clara/San Benito County line, California.

Project Location - City: Gilroy

Project Location - County: Santa Clara and San Benito

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: WCB proposes to consider the allocation of funds for a grant to plan, design, and permit the project to enhance habitat conditions along lower Llagas Creek and the Pajaro River in collaboration with regional species conservation, land use, water quality, and flood protection priorities, located in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. WCB Project ID: 2021105.

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. 15268):



Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:

Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: This is a planning project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 205-4730

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:________

Date: 11/19/2021

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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