## **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 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Celestial Reysner

Project Title: Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Restoration Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Various locations within the upper Mokelumne River watershed

**Specific: APN:** The project boundary centroid is in Amador County APN 028-070-007-000. There are 3,899 unique APNs in the project boundary: El Dorado County 182 parcels, Amador County 732 parcels, Calaveras County 1,822 parcels, Tuolumne County 33 parcels, and Alpine County 1,130) Counties

## Project Location - City: Pioneer

Project Location - County: Amador, Calaveras, Alpine, El Dorado, and Tuolumne CEQA Region: S. CA, Unincorporated

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** WCB proposes to consider the allocation for a grant to Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority for a cooperative project with USDA Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest Amador Ranger District and Stanislaus National Forest Calaveras Ranger District to plan, design, and permit the project to design the most effective and comprehensive plan for aspen restoration and provide the NEPA/CEQA clearance needed for implementation, located within the Upper Mokelumne River watershed. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2022011.

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):

Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:

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?  $\square$  Yes (by this notice)  $\square$  No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_5/27/2022

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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