## **Notice of Exemption**

| To: Office of Planning and Research   | From:  | Department of Fish and Wildlife |
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| State Clearinghouse   |        | Wildlife Conservation Board     |
| 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113   |        | P.O. Box 944209                 |
| Sacramento, CA 95814  |        | Sacramento, CA 99244-2090       |
| County Clerk (County of): N/A Attention: Joseph Navari  |        |                                 |
| Project Title: Yreka Phlox Soap Creek Ridge (Anderson)  |        |                                 |
| Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Project Location – Specific: APN(s)  |        |                                 |
| 014-310-090, 014-210-120, and 014-210-180   |        |                                 |
| 011 010 000, 011 210 120, and 011 210   |        |                                 |
| Project Location – City: Yreka  |        |                                 |
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| Project Location – County: Siskiyou   |        |                                 |
| CEQA Region: N. CA  |        |                                 |
| Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:  |        |                                 |
| To consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Land Acquisition grant and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to the Siskiyou Land Trust, and to consider a Wildlife |        |                                 |
| Conservation Board grant to Siskiyou Land Trust, for a cooperative project with the California Department   |        |                                 |
| of Fish and Wildlife to acquire in fee 655± acres of land for the protection and recovery of the Yreka Phlox  |        |                                 |
| and other species associated with serpentine soils, within the Yreka Phlox Recovery Plan, located on the  |        |                                 |
| Soap Creek Ridge in Siskiyou County. Project ID 2022013.  |        |                                 |
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| Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB   |        |                                 |
| Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the 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: Sec.15313, Class 13 & Sec.15325, Class 25   |        |                                 |
| Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:  |        |                                 |
| Reasons why this 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.   |        |                                 |
| interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant of animal habitats.  |        |                                 |
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| 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  |        |                                 |
| — DocuSigned by:  |        |                                 |
| Signature: John P. Donnelly Title: Executive Director Date: 11/16/2022  |        |                                 |
| Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant   |        |                                 |
|   | SCH #: |                                 |
| Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code  Posted Date:  |        |                                 |
| Date Received for Filing at OPR:  |        |                                 |