Notice of Exemption

To:	Office of Planning and Research	From:	Department of Fish and Wildlife
	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: Jasen Yee			
Project Title: San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion 6 (Geis)			
Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Project Location – Specific: APN(s)			
Northeast of Volcan Road, Southwest of San Felipe Road. San Diego County APN 242-232-27			
Project Location – City: _{N/A}			
Project Location – County: San Diego			
CEQA Region: S. CA			
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:			
To consider the acquisition in fee of 50± acres of land as an expansion to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area for the protection of hardwood conifer forest habitat and connectivity corridors that support mountain lion, mule deer and other wildlife, located near the community of Julian, in northeastern San Diego county. The purposes of this project are consistent with the authorized uses of the proposed funding source, which allows for the acquisition of habitat to protect rare, endangered, threatened or fully protected species. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2021127.			
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: ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Public Resources Code 21080.28 ☐ Other:			
Reasons why this project is exempt:			
Project involves the acquisition of an interest in land by a public agency for preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of transfer, including plant and animal habitats.			
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?			
Signature: John f. Donnelly Title: Executive Director Date: 2/24/2023			
~	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 Date Received for Filing at OPR:			