Notice Of Exemption

To: ☑ Office of Planning and Research State
State Clearinghouse
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Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

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County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Judah Grossman

Project Title: Sierra National Forest, Meadow Restoration Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: The meadow restoration sites to be advanced through this planning and permitting project are located in the Sierra National Forest (SNF), Bass Lake and High Sierra Ranger Districts. The meadows fall within four sub-watersheds: Dinkey Creek, South Fork Willow Creek, North Fork Willow Creek, and Whiskey Creek.

Project Location - City: Regional

Project Location - Counties: Madera and Fresno Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to complete environmental compliance, permitting, and monitoring associated with restoration of nine montane meadows totaling approximately 75 acres in Sierra National Forest. Landscape-level restoration planning efforts (e.g., Dinkey Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program) evaluated over 354,000 acres, including Sierra National Forest, and identified these nine meadows in critical need of repair.

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: 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

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

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

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: Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date:

Title: Executive Director

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

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