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## **Notice of Public Meeting Cutting the Green Tape and CEQA Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will conduct a public meeting to provide an update on CDFW's new Cutting the Green Tape Program, including an overview of CDFW's role in the new California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutory Exemption for Fish and Wildlife Restoration Projects.

Governor Newsom recently signed Senate Bill (SB) 155, adding [Section 21080.56 to California Public Resources Code](#). This section provides a new CEQA statutory exemption until January 1, 2025, for fish and wildlife restoration projects that meet certain requirements. Lead agency application of the exemption for any particular project is subject to the required concurrence of the CDFW Director. CDFW will provide an initial overview of the required concurrence and related process during the meeting.

### **When:**

Thursday November 18, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., via webinar ([Click here to Register](#))

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- I. Welcome
  - Opening Remarks by Natural Resources Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat Dr. Jennifer Norris; and CDFW Director Chuck Bonham
- II. Update on CDFW's Cutting the Green Tape Initiative
  - Introduction of CDFW Cutting the Green Tape Program
  - Progress on pilot initiatives
- III. CEQA Statutory Exemption for Fish and Wildlife Restoration Projects
  - Background and Overview of SB 155 Statute
  - Overview of CDFW Process
- IV. Questions and Comments

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