

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch  
Native Plant Program  
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**Project Title:** California Plant Rescue Seed Banking Project (Project)

**Project Location:** Seed collection for the Project will take place at one population of Dudley's lousewort (*Pedicularis dudleyi*) and one population of Springville clarkia (*Clarkia springvillensis*). The Dudley's lousewort population is located in Portola Redwoods State Park in San Mateo County, and the Springville clarkia population is located on the privately-owned River Ridge Ranch north of the town of Springville in Tulare County. These populations are located at the Olympia Quarry in the Randy Morgan Preserve and at the summit of Mount Hermon in Santa Cruz County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to Amy Patten pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a) for a project to advance the conservation of California's rarest plants. Project activities include collecting seeds from Springville clarkia and Dudley's lousewort. The target quantity for seed collection per population is 2,500 seeds. One voucher specimen will be collected from each population if the populations are large enough to support it. Seed and voucher collection will take place from early June through July 2019. Additional seed collection will take place from April through July 2020, if necessary, to reach the goal of 2,500 seeds. In addition, the Permittee will receive seeds of Santa Cruz wallflower (*Erysimum teretifolium*) from Dr. Justen Whittall and Dr. Jodi McGraw for the purpose of submitting them for long-term conservation storage to one of the institutions listed below. Voucher specimens and seeds will be submitted to one of the following institutions for long-term conservation storage: (1) Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, Los Angeles County; (2) Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon; (3) Santa Barbara Botanic Garden in Santa Barbara, California; or (4) the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation in Fort Collins, Colorado.

**California Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Amy Patten, Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Manager, California Native Plant Society

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Sections 6 and 7, Classes 15306 and 15307

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project will involve data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities, and actions to assure the maintenance, restoration, and enhancement of populations of the state-rare Dudley's lousewort and the state-endangered Springville clarkia and Santa Cruz wallflower. The Project will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The Permit issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Project includes measures to ensure that existing populations of Dudley's lousewort, Springville clarkia, and Santa Cruz wallflower are not impacted.

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**Date:**

June 14, 2019

Signed by Lead Agency

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