

Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
Native Plant Program
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Project Title: Activities of the California Department of Food and Agriculture Herbarium (Project)

Project Location: The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Herbarium is located at CDFA's Plant Pest Diagnostic Center at 3294 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a) for activities of the CDFA Herbarium that involve plant species that are designated as rare, threatened, endangered, or candidate species pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act or the Native Plant Protection Act (Covered Species). The CDFA Herbarium accepts and stores dried specimens of Covered Species for scientific and educational purposes. CDFA may also intercept Covered Species at agricultural inspection stations and send them to the Plant Pest Diagnostic Center and Herbarium for identification, and these specimens may be incorporated into the CDFA Herbarium collection. In addition, CDFA may occasionally export and import Covered Species voucher specimens for studies conducted by researchers outside of California.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dr. Genevieve Walden, California Department of Food and Agriculture Herbarium

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 13506, Class 6

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of the operation of a scientific herbarium of plant specimens that is maintained to facilitate information collection, research, and plant identification and classification. The Project activities will not result in any disturbances to the environment, because the permit issued by CDFW does not authorize any collection of plant specimens from the wild.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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