

# Notice of Exemption

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

**County Clerk (County of):** N/A

**Attention:** Jasen Yee

**Project Title:** Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Conservation Area (Oswit Property), Project ID: 2018180

**Project Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

**Project Location – Specific:** Mission Creek Road, west of Highway 62, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, APN 667-050-011

**Project Location – City:** Near Desert Hot Springs

**Project Location – County:** Riverside

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of the project is a grant to Save Oswit Canyon to acquire approximately 114± acres of core desert alluvial fan habitat that's supports the protection and preservation of habitat linkages and corridors for the endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep and other threatened and endangered species covered under the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan, located along the lower elevations of the San Jacinto mountains.

**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. 15073):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15071 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15071 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:  
Section 15313, Class 13 and Section 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

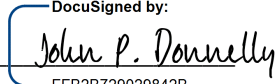
**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

**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:  Date: 8/26/2020 Title: Executive Director

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John P. Donnelly  
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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:**

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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WCB Surname  
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**Aug 27 2020**

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