

## 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: PO Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

**County Clerk (County of):** San Diego

**Attention:** Joe Navari

**Project Title:** Morongo Basin, Expansion 8 (Institute of Mentalphysics), Project ID 2020006

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

**Project Location – Specific:** APNs 0601-231-28, 0601-231-34, and 0601-231-35

**Project Location – City:** Yucca Valley

**Project Location – County:** San Bernardino

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** A grant to the Mojave Desert Land Trust is for the fee title acquisition of land contained in a single ownership for the protection of habitat supporting threatened and endangered species.

**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:  FFB2B729029842B...

Date: 8/26/2020

Title: Executive Director

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:**

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**Aug 27 2020**

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