

# Notice of Exemption

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12/7/2021

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): CA Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Mesquite Ridge Acquisition Project

Project Applicant: Oswit Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

APNs: 513-300-046 and 513-300-048

Project Location - City: Palm Springs

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will acquire in fee 29.62 acres of undeveloped land in Riverside County. The project will protect the property's natural habitat that supports endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Oswit Land Trust

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15325(a) Preserve natural conditions
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15325(a), because it consists of the transfer of ownership of interests in 29.62 acres of undeveloped land to preserve existing natural conditions, including plant and animal habitats.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Thomas

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-6392

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  No

Signature: Andrea Scharffer

Date: 12/7/2021

Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_