

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: Peninsular Bighorn Sheep-Recovery Land Acquisition, Mesquite Ridge

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: South Side of W. Mesquite Avenue, West of Belardo Road, City of Palm Springs, Riverside County, Portions of APNs 513-300-046 and 513-300-048

Project Location – City: Palm Springs

Project Location – County: Riverside

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project involves a subgrant to Oswit Land Trust to acquire approximately 29± 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. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2021122.

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:
Public Resources Code 21080.28. Acquisition of an interest in Land by a Public Agency.

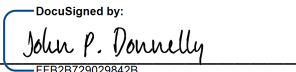
Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 205-4730

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: 5/26/2022

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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WCB Board Meeting Folder