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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
Native Plant Program
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Project Title: Possession of Plant Species Protected Pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and the Native Plant Protection Act (NPPA) by the University of California Davis Center for Plant Diversity (Project)

Project Location: Project activities will take place at the University of California Davis Center for Plant Diversity in Davis, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the University of California Davis Center for Plant Diversity pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a) for possession of dried voucher specimens of plant species protected pursuant to CESA and NPPA.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dr. Alison Colwell, Curator, University of California Davis Center for Plant Diversity

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial;
- ☐ Declared Emergency;
- ☐ Emergency Project;
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 15306, Class 6

Reasons why project is exempt: The purpose of the project is data collection for research or other scientific or educational purposes that will not result in any impacts to the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joanne Heraty Area Code/Telephone/ Extension: (916) 594-4574

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Isabel Baer, Native Plant Program Manager

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