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Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
Native Plant Program
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Project Title: Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act Permit No. 1927-HMP-2023-004).

Project Location: The Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Project) will take place at 13245 Lakota Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 or Assessor's Parcel Number 3087-287-09 in San Bernardino County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a western Joshua tree hazard management permit to Cecelia Fairfax (Permit No. 1927-HMP-2023-004) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1927.4 for a project to remove dead and detached western Joshua tree limbs and to remove one attached and standing dead western Joshua tree trunk. Western Joshua tree hazard management permits are issued to property owners for the purpose of removing or trimming a dead western Joshua tree or trimming a living western Joshua tree, provided that the dead western Joshua tree or any limb to be removed meet one of the following conditions: (A) has fallen over and is within 30 feet of a structure; (B) is leaning against an existing structure; or (C) creates an imminent threat to public health or safety.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cecelia Fairfax

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Emergency Project. Type and section number: Section 15269(b)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 15304, Class 4

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of minor private alterations in the condition of land or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature trees.

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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