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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
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**Project Title:** Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act Permit No. 1927-HMP-2023-053)

**Project Location:** The Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Project) will take place at 52625 Contour Terrace, Pioneertown, CA 92268, or Assessor's Parcel Number 0593-131-01 in San Bernardino County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a western Joshua tree hazard management permit to John Norton (Permit No. 1927-HMP-2023-053) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1927.4 for a project to remove two dead and detached western Joshua trees. 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:** John Norton

**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:** Raffica La Rosa Area Code/Telephone/ Extension: (916) 206-4502

**Signature:** DocuSigned by: 36A908313DB6442... **Date:** 9/29/2023

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