

## Notice of Exemption

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**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-2023-104)

**Project Location:** The Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Project) will take place at 15050 Japatul Road, Apple Valley, CA 92307, or Assessor's Parcel Number 0437-063-28 in San Bernardino County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a western Joshua tree hazard management permit to Melvin Cowperthwaite (Permit No. 1927-HMP-2023-104) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1927.4 for a project to remove two dead and detached western Joshua tree limbs and to trim and remove one dead and attached western Joshua tree base. 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:** Melvin Cowperthwaite

**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 do not involve the removal of healthy, mature trees.

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