

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Conservation Board
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Amy Henderson

Project Title: Joshua Tree Conservation Tribal Engagement

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

The project will occur over the range of the western Joshua tree across six counties.

Project Location – City: Cities within the range include Ridgecrest, Barstow, and Joshua Tree

Project Location – County: Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, and San Bernardino

CEQA Region: N. CA and S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The project is requesting funds to help support tribal participation in the development of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan through facilitated discussions. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023250.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Rebecca J. Fris, Deputy Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Section 15306, Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

The project involves only feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions as well as collecting basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebecca J. Fris

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 212-5637

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: DocuSigned by: *Rebecca J. Fris* **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 2/16/2024

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

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