## **Notice of Exemption**

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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:** Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act Permit No. 1927-HMP-2024-054)

**Project Location:** The Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Project) will take place at 57273 Onaga Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284 or Assessor's Parcel Number 0587-182-08 in San Bernardino County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a western Joshua tree hazard management permit to Yucca Valley United Methodist Church (Permit No. 1927-HMP-2024-054) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1927.4 for a project to remove one dead and detached western Joshua tree, and to remove several dead and detached western Joshua tree limbs. 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.

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Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yucca Valley	United Methodist Church
Exempt Status:	
☐ Emergency Project. Type and section number:	Section 15269(b)
☐ Categorical Exemption. Type and section numle	ber: 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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☐ Signed by Lead Agency Date Re	eceived for filing at OPR: