

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From: (Public Agency):** California Conservation Corps  
1719 24th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816

(Address)

Project Title: Joshua Tree National Park Native Seed Collection and Planting

Project Applicant: Southern California Mountains Foundation dba Urban Corps of the Inland Empire

Project Location - Specific:

**Joshua Tree National Park**

Project Location - City: Joshua Tree Project Location - County: San Bernardino County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves collecting native seeds within Joshua Tree National Park to support plant propagation and long-term storage efforts. Additionally, it includes the restoration of denuded areas near the Barker Dam parking lot through native planting.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Conservation Corps

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Mountains Foundation dba Urban Corps of the Inland Empire

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, 15304 - Class 1 & 4
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; and the minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jeffrey I. Schwarzschild Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-3133

**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 No

Signature:  Date: 8/26/2024 Title: Lead Counsel

▪ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_