

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 County Clerk County of: _____	From: (Public Agency): <u>California Natural Resources Agency</u> <u>715 P Street, 20th Floor</u> <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u> (Address)
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Project Title: Long Canyon Peak Expansion Project

Project Applicant: The California Desert Land Conservancy dba Mojave Desert Land Trust (MDLT)

Project Location - Specific:
80-acre parcel located 0.25 miles south of Golden Bee Dr. and 1.5 miles south of SR 62

Project Location – City: Yucca Valley Project Location – County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
MDLT intends to acquire a parcel in Yucca Valley, CA to protect, in perpetuity, 80 acres of desert land for conservation of important habit for western Joshua tree, protection of a wildlife corridor, and to expand MDLT's Long Canyon Peak Preserve lands adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: MDLT

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: Class 13, Section 15313; Class 25, Section 15325
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Action involves the transfer of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space and conserve wildlife habitat.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ron Benny Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6359

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: Andrea Scharffer Date: 1/29/2025 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code