

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch  
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**Project Title:** Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act Permit No. 1927-HMP-2025-036)

**Project Location:** The Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Project) will take place at 58165 Campanula Street, Yucca Valley, CA 92284, or Assessor's Parcel Number 0598-431-02 in San Bernardino County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a western Joshua tree hazard management permit to Walt Darden (Permit No. 1927-HMP-2025-036) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1927.4 for a project to trim one living western Joshua tree. 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:** Walt Darden

**Exempt Status:**

- Emergency Project. Type and section number: Section 15269(b)
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 15301, Class 1

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth that involves negligible or no expansion to existing public or private structure use.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 3/4/2025

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- Signed by Lead Agency      Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_