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Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act Permit No. 1927-HMP-2025-057)

Project Location: The Western Joshua Tree Hazard Management Project (Project) is located near 56548 Zuni Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284, or Assessor's Parcel Number 0587-312-04 in San Bernardino County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a western Joshua tree hazard management permit to Southern California Gas Company (Permit No. 1927-HMP-2025-057) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1927.4 for a project to repair a residential natural gas main leak by constructing a 3 ft by 2 ft earth cut that is not expected to, but may result in take of living western Joshua tree roots. 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: SoCalGas

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 emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, and 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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