

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090
County Clerk (County of): N/A	Attention: Amy Henderson

Project Title: Prescott Preserve Ecological Restoration

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 502-560-034, 502-560-039, 502-562-075, 502-570-008, 502-580-003

Project Location – City: Palm Springs

Project Location – County: Riverside

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 Phase I of the Prescott Preserve Ecological Restoration project includes the restoration of 28.14 acres of a 120-acre former golf course in urban Palm Springs. The project will restore native valley floor desert habitats that are now very limited due to previous development. These include 14.65 acres of desert dry wash woodland, 11.22 acres of Sonoran creosote bush scrub, and 2.28 acres of perimeter buffer. The property straddles Tahquitz Creek, a significant stream within the region near the San Jacinto Mountains, which gives it special importance to supporting wildlife movement. The project will provide essential wildlife habitat, including for 19 special status species. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2023101.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Rebecca J. Fris, Deputy Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial (Sec. 15268):

Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:

Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:

Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:

Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 21080.56

Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 The Project meets all criteria of Public Resources Code section 21080.56 including the following conditions: (1) the Project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (2) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rebecca J. Fris

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 212-5637

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, (by this notice) No

Signature: Signed by:
Rebecca J. Fris **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 5/23/2025

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR:
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