

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: Joshua Tree Conservation Tribal Engagement - Augmentation

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)
 Project will take place over the range of the western Joshua tree across six counties.

Project Location – City: Cities within the range include Ridgecrest, Barstow, Joshua Tree

Project Location – County: Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:
 The Project will continue to support tribal participation for two additional years during the review of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan. The augmentation will continue to engage tribes located within the range of the western Joshua tree across six counties. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025079 - 2023250.

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: 15262 and 15306
 Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
 Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
 Project involves planning for possible future actions which have not been approved, adopted, or funded and includes information collection and coordination from tribal members which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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:** 8/29/2025

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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