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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Riverside
P.O. Box 751
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From: (Public Agency): Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
42600 Cook Street, Ste. 219
Palm Desert, CA 92211
(Address)

Project Title: Happy Valley Boulder Barrier Project

Project Applicant: Oswit Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

Happy Valley property (APN 750-130-006 and 750-130-008) accessible via Dillon Rd.

Project Location - City: Indio Hills Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will establish a boulder barrier along the 2,800-foot perimeter of Happy Valley to prevent unauthorized off-road vehicle access and protect the natural state of this site. In addition to the barrier, signage will be installed to communicate property rules and provide information on habitat preservation efforts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Oswit Land Trust

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 4 (Section 15304)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Boulder placement would be a minor alteration to a private preserve that would not involve removal of trees, consistent with a Class 4 categorical exemption. The project would not involve ground disturbance and would have no alterations to Dillon Road that is adjacent to the project site. The project's eligibility for a Class 4 categorical exemption would not be negated by the exceptions listed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Diana Rosas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 776-5026

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: Elizabeth King Date: 11/21/2025 Title: Executive Director

n Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____