

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: Don Cocker

Project Title: SR 62 Wildlife Crossings Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

APNs 0585-301-21, 0585-301-22, 0585-301-23, 671-050-001, 671-050-002

Project Location – City: Yucca Valley

Project Location – County: Riverside and San Bernardino

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

Developing shovel-ready plans and designs for two proposed wildlife crossings over State Route 62 at the Morongo Grade and Yucca Grade that will reconnect wildlife habitat in the San Bernardino and Little San Bernardino Mountains, including the Sand to Snow National Monument, Joshua Tree National Park, and the San Geronio and Bighorn Wilderness Areas. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025108.

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 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
- Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves only feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions.

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: DocuSigned by: John Walsh for Rebecca Fris **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 3/2/2026

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

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