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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: A5563

**Title:** Letter of Non-Objection to Collect Western Joshua Tree Seeds

**Location:** 87 school lands parcels, totaling approximately 6,000 acres, in Inyo, San Bernardino, Kern, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties

**Description:** Authorize seed scouting trips and subsequent fruit and seed collections. Optimal collection times would occur between June and August, but may be extended until the first snowfall.

**Name of Approving Public Agency:** California State Lands Commission

**Name of Proponent (Person or Agency):** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Exempt Status:** Categorical Exemption

- CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)

### Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to collect Western Joshua Tree (*Yucca Brevifolia*) fruits and seeds will cause only a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

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