



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: A5563
Item: 49
SCH# 2026040896

Title: Issuance of General Lease – Public Agency Use – Application 5563

Location: Approximately 6,000 acres of State-owned school land, located on 87 parcels, distributed across the counties of Inyo, Kern, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties

Description: Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use beginning August 25, 2026, for a term of 7 years, to collect Western Joshua Tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) seeds on State-owned School lands.

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 7-year General Lease – Public Agency Use to collect Western Joshua Tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) seeds on State-owned School lands 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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