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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Gonzalez Residence Project (Project) (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2026-084-06 (ITP))

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Project is located at 9233 Desert View Road, Piñon Hills, California, 92372, on Assessor's Parcel Number 3067-301-17, in the unincorporated community of Piñon Hills, in San Bernardino County, at approximately latitude 34.417057º and longitude -117.633239º.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an ITP (No. 1927-ITP-2026-084-06), pursuant to Section 1927.3 of the Fish and Game Code to Jesus J. Gonzalez.

The Project (which has an existing single-family residence) will construct a shed and create an equestrian facility on a 2.95-acre lot.

The Project will result in incidental take of 68 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) which is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of western Joshua tree that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On July 13, 2026, San Bernardino County, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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