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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: **Wildlife Conservation Board**
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Kim Cruz

Project Title: Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve – Easement Exchange

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: APN(s)

038-300-13 and 038-280-08

Project Location – City: Trona

Project Location – County: Inyo

CEQA Region: S. CA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project:

The exchange of an access easement over 2± acres of land owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for an access easement over 1± acre of land owned by Bowman Asphalt, Inc., to serve CDFW's Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve. Located near the community of Trona, in Inyo County. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2026055.

Public Agency Approving Project: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: John Walsh, 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: Section 15301, Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:
- ☐ Other:

Reasons why this project is exempt:

Project involves the operation and maintenance of existing public or private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John Walsh

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 539-8016

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 8286214C820F47D... **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 11/20/2026

☑ 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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