

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Riverside

From: (Public Agency): CA. Dept of Fish and Wildlife
P.O. Box 2160
Blythe, CA 92226

(Address)

Project Title: Coachella Valley Ecological Reserve Invasive Species Control

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Project Location - Specific:
State lands within the Coachella Valley Ecological Reserve, including sand source north and south of Ramon Road in Thousand Palms, CA and sand dune habitat west of Washington Street and north of 38th avenue.

Project Location - City: Thousand Palms Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Control of invasive weeds, including Sahara mustard and other invasive mustards, invasive grasses, filaree, and other invasive plants that pose a threat to sand source or habitat for Coachella Valley Fringe-toed lizards, Coachella Valley milkvetch, flat-tailed horned lizards, and/or other species of concern.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDFW

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CDFW, Friends of the Desert Mountains (FODM)

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, § 15304; Class 7, § 15307
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it involves maintenance and enhancement of the existing native landscape. No trees will be removed. CDFW, in collaboration with FODM, will remove invasive plant species to protect natural resources. All staff and volunteers have training or will be trained to identify and avoid take of native plant and animal species.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Richard Kim Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 922-6783

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 No

Signature: Chris Hoyle Date: 3-29-19 Title: Environmental Program Manager I
[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: