

Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley's Activities Involving State-listed Plants (Project)

Project Location: Project activities will take place at the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, located at 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720-5045, and Project collection activities will take place at wild populations of state-listed plants in California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is issuing a permit (No. 2081(a)-19-023-RP) to University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a). University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley's activities involving state-listed species include: (1) collection of voucher specimens; (2) storage of voucher specimens; (3) seed collection from wild populations for long-term conservation storage following Center for Plant Conservation guidelines; (4) seed processing, viability testing, and related research; (5) long-term conservation storage of seeds; (6) propagation of plants to produce seeds for long-term conservation storage; (7) transfer of backup seed collections or living plants to CDFW-permitted organizations for long-term conservation storage; (8) export of backup seed collections to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation; (9) collection of small amounts of tissue for genetic analyses; (10) collection of seeds or cuttings for the living collection; (11) import of seeds or plants into California for long-term conservation storage, research, or the living collection; (12) maintenance of plants in a living collection; and (13) monitoring of wild plant populations.

California Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial;
- ☐ Declared Emergency;
- ☐ Emergency Project;
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Sections 15306 and 15307, Classes 6 and 7

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project will facilitate the recovery of state-listed plant species by collecting information on populations via voucher specimen collection for storage in an herbarium. Conservation of state-listed plants will also be achieved through conservation seed collection for long-term storage and related research on seed viability. The Project may also involve propagation of plants for conservation purposes approved by CDFW. The permit issued by CDFW for the Project includes measures to ensure that existing populations of state-listed plants are not impacted.

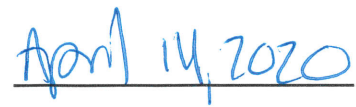
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