

Notice of Exemption

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

From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
Mailing address: P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Jasen Yee

Project Title: Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, Rancho Royale Property

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location – Specific: Mission Creek Road, west of Highway 62, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, APN 667-050-011-8

Project Location – City: Near Desert Hot Springs

Project Location – County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the project is to acquire approximately 481± acres of land that is an important sand transport area for the original Willow Hole/Edom Hill Coachella Valley Fringe Toed Lizard Preserve and contains critical habitat for the Burrowing Owl as well as hydrologic features, cultural resources, significant scenic attributes, and recreational opportunities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife (WCB)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15073):
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 15071 (a)]:
- Emergency Project [Sec. 15071 (b) and (c)]:
- Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
Section 15313, Class 13 and Section 15325, Class 25
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:

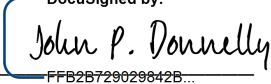
Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 445-0137

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:
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Date: 5/20/2020

Title: Executive Director

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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