

Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
Native Plant Program
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Project Title: Uncovering the San Bruno Mountain Dunes: Recovering the San Francisco Lessingia (Project)

Project Location: The Project will take place at and near populations of San Francisco lessingia (*Lessingia germanorum*) at the San Bruno Mountain Dunes within San Bruno County. Plant propagation for the project will take place at Mission Blue Nursery, located at 3435 Bayshore Blvd., Brisbane, CA 94005.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing permit No. 2081(a)-20-005-RP to San Bruno Mountain Watch pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a) for a project to (1) a study to compare the effectiveness of direct seeding and planting of container-grown San Francisco lessingia at the San Bruno Mountain Dunes, and (2) habitat management activities at the San Bruno Mountain Dunes in the form of invasive plant removal to benefit populations of San Francisco lessingia.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Director, San Bruno Mountain Watch

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 the California endangered San Francisco lessingia by investigating the best methods to establish additional populations of the species within its historic range. The permit issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Project includes measures to ensure that existing populations of San Francisco lessingia are not impacted.

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☐ Signed by Lead Agency

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