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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108*

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012011029

Project Title: Eland Solar and Storage Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0165-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located over 28 Project construction sites in 24 unnamed ephemeral streams within a 2,949-acre photovoltaic solar development area and gen-tie line, on both the east and west sides of State Route 14, southeast of the community of Cantil and immediately north of the city limits of City of California City in unincorporated Kern County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0165-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicants, 68SF 8me LLC and 69SV 8me LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the construction of the Eland Solar photovoltaic solar generation facility and associated infrastructure within 23 acres of an approximately 2,949-acre development area along with installation and/or modifications to the access roads and pulling site as a result of installation of the generation tie-line for the Project. The Project will consist of the construction of nine (9) at-grade access road crossings, four (4) transmission workspace sites, one (1) transmission support structure site, one (1) pulling station site, one (1) temporary culvert crossing, and 14 solar intersect areas consisting of the installation of 16 desert tortoise and perimeter fence line crossings; 16 at-grade perimeter road crossings, 14 solar array panel crossings, and four (4) collector line crossings, within 24 unnamed ephemeral streams, some of which are interconnected in a system of ephemeral washes.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 5/26/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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Date: 5/26/2021

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____