

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

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Lead Agency (if different than CDFW)
 City of Lancaster
 Community Development Division
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2006021084

Project Title: Paraclete High School Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-087-05 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Paraclete High School Project (Project) is located in the City of Lancaster, Los Angeles County. The Project is on approximately 22 acres, located on Assessor Parcel Numbers 3109-002-130 and 3109-002-116, and northwest of the intersection of West Avenue M and 30th Street West. The Project lies within the Lancaster West U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle at Township 7 North, Range 12 West, Section 31.

Project Description: The Project will reconfigure and develop the 22-acre Project site with new athletic facilities. The Project will occur in two phases. The entire 22-acre Project site will be prepared and graded during Phase 1 to facilitate construction of new athletic facilities during Phase 1 and Phase 2. This Project includes the permanent protection and perpetual management of compensatory habitat. This Project will result in permanent impacts to 42 western Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*) and 7.5 acres of habitat supporting western Joshua trees and seedbank. This Project is expected to result in incidental take of western Joshua tree, which is a species designated as candidate for listing as threatened pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 02/09/2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / 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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
 3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Edmund Pert

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Signature

Date:

Edmund Pert, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____