

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

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**From:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2005121172

Project Title: Blossom Trails – Tentative Tract No. 20090 (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2020-007-06 (ITP) Amendment 1)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located within the City of Highland, in San Bernardino County, on the Redlands quadrangle of the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic map series in Section 3, Township 1 south, Range 5 west. The Project site is bounded by Greenspot Road to the north, Church Street to the east, and undeveloped land to the south and west.

Project Description: This proposed project involves the development of 23.19 acres (total acreage onsite is 25.61-acre, consisting of a 22.91- and 2.7-acre parcel) into 137 single-family residential homes and the associated infrastructure to support the residential units including the development of private roads and sidewalks, landscaping, and utilities throughout the Project site. The Project also includes various lots designated for open space and a recreational/pool area comprised of a restroom building, shade structures, and barbeque area. The southern 2.42 acres of the parcel is a part of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) easement and will not be developed. Amendment 1 provides additional specificity for ongoing monitoring of adjacent habitat and revises time periods related to cat-proof fencing design and installation and security requirements.

The Project will result in impacts to 23.27 acres of San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) habitat including temporary impacts to 0.08 acres; the Project will permanently remove 23.19 acres San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of San Bernardino Kangaroo Rats, which is/are designated as a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as  the lead agency /  a responsible agency approved the above-described project on 6/14/2024 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).
  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

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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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*Heidi Calvert*  
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*Signature*

*Date:* 6/14/2024

Heidi Calvert, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_