

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

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)  
**Central Region**  
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## Lead Agency

Kern County Planning Department  
 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301  
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002051151, 2003041108, 2010031096, and 2010031109

**Project Title:** Cameron Ridge Wind Energy Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2020-036-04 (ITP))

**Project Location:** The Project is located in the lower Tehachapi mountains approximately eight miles west of the unincorporated community of Mojave and seven miles southeast of the City of Tehachapi, in Kern County, California, USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map Monolith, MDB&M and is centered near latitude 35.058082° and longitude -118.321164°.

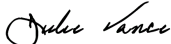
**Project Description:** The Project includes on-going operations and maintenance activities for 26 wind turbine generators, a substation, above and below ground transmission lines, access roads, stream crossings, and associated infrastructure over a 1,350-acre area at an existing wind energy collection site referred to as the Cameron Ridge Wind Energy Project.

The Project will result in permanent impacts to up to 7 individual Bakersfield cactus (*Opuntia basilaris* var. *traleasei*) plants. The project is expected to result in incidental take of Bakersfield cactus, which is designated as an endangered 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 6/23/2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 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).
  - [ An environmental impact report /  A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
  - Additional mitigation measures [ were /  were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
  - A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
  - A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
  - Findings [ were /  were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
  - 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 MND 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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6/23/2023

Date:

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

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