

Notice of Determination

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

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Project Title: Desert Quartzite Solar Project (EPIMS-RIV-19221-R6)

Project Location (include county): Desert Quartzite LLC, a subsidiary of EDF Renewables, has proposed development of the Desert Quartzite Solar Project (Project), which is located in the Palo Verde Mesa region of eastern Riverside County, California, at southwest of the City of Blythe, and south of the Interstate 10 freeway. The Project site is situated on the Roosevelt Mine and Ripley 7.5' U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Quadrangles within Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24 of Township 7S, Range 21E, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Project Description: The overall Project consists of a utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) electrical generating and battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure facilities, and a proposed 230-kilovolt (kV) generator-tie line (gen-tie) connecting to the Southern California Edison (SCE) Colorado River Substation. The Project is expected to generate 450 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. The overall Project is divided into two separate project areas. Project A consists of a utility-scale solar PV electrical generating and BESS and associated infrastructure facilities. Project B consists of installation of telecommunications and electrical supply lines.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project and made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096:

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.
3. 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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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