

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

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**From:**

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**Lead Agency**

Alameda County Community Development Agency  
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2010082063

Project Title: Golden Hills North Energy Center Repowering Project [California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2015-043-R3 Amendment 2 (ITP Amendment)]

Project Location: The project is located approximately 8.5 miles east of the City of Livermore in Alameda County within the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area. The Project is primarily located directly north of Interstate 580 (I-580) although a portion is located south of I-580 in order to access the Midway Substation.

Project Description: The original Project includes repowering the existing wind energy facility to replace outdated wind turbine generators (WTG) with fewer and more efficient WTGs. After repowering, the Project will have up to 40.8 megawatts (MW) of installed capacity.

The amendment includes additional work for maintenance of the rotor repair activities and future maintenance activities. The Project with the amendment is anticipated to result in a total of 233.58 acres of impact, including 194.73 acres of temporary loss of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) upland habitat, 34.82 acres of permanent and 3.76 acres of semi-permanent loss of upland habitat, and 0.27 acre of permanent loss of California tiger salamander aquatic habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander and San Joaquin kit fox, which are both designated as threatened species under CESA. The ITP Amendment 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 6/7/2024 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 EIR 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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*Erin Chappell*

Signature

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Date: 6/7/2024

Erin Chappell, Regional Manager

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