

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

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

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH#2010082063

Project Title: Sand Hill Wind Repowering Project (Project) (California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-040-03 (ITP))

Project Location: The Project is located in the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area (APWRA) between the cities of Livermore (located 9.6 miles southwest) and Tracy (located 9.9 miles east) in unincorporated eastern Alameda County, California (Figure 1). The Project is located north of I-580 and south of Christensen Road with site access available from Altamont Pass Road (primary entrance) or Mountain House Road. The approximate center of the Project is located at latitude 37.754861° and longitude -121.608912°.

Project Description: This proposed project involves installation of 13 new wind turbine generators (WTG) and possible removal of old turbine foundations where they conflict with the location of repowered Project components.

The Project will result in impacts to 113.2 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*), and Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) habitat including temporary impacts to 79.6 acres; the Project will permanently remove 33.6 acres of grassland habitat; and cause impacts to 0.032 acre of aquatic habitat for California tiger salamander. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander, San Joaquin kit fox, tricolored blackbird, and Swainson's hawk, which are designated as threatened species under CESA. 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 6/26/2024 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: 6/26/2024

Erin Chappell, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____