

Notice of Determination**- 1 -**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2013031036

Project Title: Pacific Agave Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA)
 Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2023-005-05 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Pacific Agave Project (Project) is located at the northwest corner of 60th Street West and Avenue J, west of the Antelope Valley State Prison, within the City of Lancaster, Los Angeles County. The Project site is bounded by vacant land to the north, 60th Street West to the east, an existing drainage channel and Avenue J to the south, and 62nd Street West and housing to the west.

Project Description: This Project involves development of 18.7 acres of vacant land into a new subdivision consisting of 108 single family lots. Project activities will include grading of the entire Project site, removing vegetation, installing underground infrastructure, building construction, paving, landscaping, and improving a 200-foot-wide drainage channel along the southerly boundary of the Project site.


The Project will result in incidental take of 14 western Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*), a species which is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of western Joshua tree 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 the date signed below 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 mitigated negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.

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- 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). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
- 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 Mitigated 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 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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Signature

Date:

3/27/2024

*Erinn Wilson-Olgin
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 South Coast Region*