

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

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2011094004

**Project Title:** Desert Harvest Solar Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2013-0085-R6).

**Project Location (include county):** The Desert Harvest Solar Project (Project) is located approximately five miles north of the community of Desert Center in the County of Riverside, State of California. The Project, which started construction on September 1, 2019, consists of the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a commercial solar power generating facility on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-managed lands. The Project site consists of land within sections 25, 26, 27 of Township 4S, Range 15E.

**Project Description:** This proposed project is an amendment to the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2013-0085-R6 (Agreement). This amendment will include reduction in project impacts from 301.5 acres to 171.9 acres. Secondly, the compensatory mitigation obligations will be reduced from 928.5 acres to 515.7 acres. These reduced acreage calculations are largely due to the original estimates being based on right-of-way width rather than a disturbance footprint. Further reduction was achieved by utilizing existing access roads, rather than constructing new access roads, and restricting construction to a smaller work area during construction of each gen-tie pole structure. All conditions in the original Agreement remain in effect.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ the lead agency /  a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on November 1, 2022 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 Section 15091 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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 approval of the project is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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*Alisa Ellsworth*

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Date:

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