

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

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 1990011110

Project Title: Palmdale Warehouse Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-074-05 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Palmdale Warehouse Project (Project) is located in the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County. The Project is located near the northeast border of the City of Palmdale and southern border of the City of Lancaster, 0.3 miles east of the Antelope Valley Freeway (State Route 14) at approximately 34°38'33.50"N, 118°8'37.08"W. Locally, the Project is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of West Avenue M and 10th Street West.

Project Description: The Project involves the partial development of the Project site into three industrial buildings with additional infrastructure and off-site road improvements. Additional Project features that will be constructed within the Project site include four on-site stormwater basins, two off-site stormwater basins, parking stalls, driveways, an elevated dirt berm, and a revetment wall. A 12.21-acre Joshua Tree Preservation Area and 10.82-acre Undeveloped Area will be set aside within the Project site. Off-site road improvements will consist of constructing pavement, curb and gutter, median improvements, sidewalk, parkway, storm drain improvements, signing and marking, traffic signals, and streetlights.

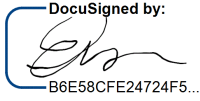
The Project will result in impacts to 111.84 acres of western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) habitat including temporary impacts to 29.73 acres; the Project will permanently remove 82.11 acres of western Joshua tree habitat. The Project will also result in impacts to 116.72 acres of Mohave ground squirrel (*Spermophilus mohavensis*) habitat including temporary impacts to 23.03 acres; the Project will permanently remove 93.69 acres of Mohave ground squirrel habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of western Joshua tree and Mohave ground squirrel, which are designated as a candidate species and threatened species, respectively, under the California Endangered Species Act. 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 06/09/2023 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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Signature

Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Regional Manager, South Coast Region

10/23/2023

Date:

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____