

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

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 1984110711

Project Title: DF Fund 18 (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2024-072-05 (ITP)).

Project Location (include county): The DF Fund 18 (Project) is located at Assessor Parcel Number's (APN) 3001-004-112 and 3001-042-001 within the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County (see Figure 1-4). The Project is located approximately at 34.62051, -118.21897. The Project is bounded by Rancho Vista Boulevard to the East and Avenue Vista Verde to the North (Project Site).

Project Description: This proposed project involves 10.78 acres of development to build single-family homes. Project Activities include vegetation removal, grading, trenching, and underground utility construction.

The Project will result in incidental take of 25 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) 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.
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.

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- 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.

Signature Signed by:

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For Erinn Wilson-Olgin, *Regional Manager*