

**Notice of Determination****- 1 -**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015051069

**Project Title:** Valentine Solar Project (Amendment No. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0153-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project is located within a larger solar development located south of Aqueduct Road, west of 132<sup>nd</sup> Street West, north of Hamilton Road, and east of 150<sup>th</sup> Street West, with two generation tie-in (gen-tie) line route options extending approximately 0.5 miles to the north to connect to existing overhead electrical lines, approximately 10 miles northwest of the community of Rosamond in an unincorporated area of Kern County, California.

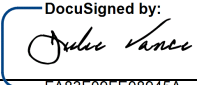
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0153-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Valentine Solar, LLC represented by Javier De La Garza.

The Project includes the construction of up to 35 at-grade road crossings and cable installation on 21 streams and up to 11 Solar Intersect Areas, which includes solar panel, underground cable and fencing installation, and grading of unimproved roads within 11 streams. Amendment No. 1 extends the time required to complete measures related to the permanent protection of habitat management lands for mitigation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 6/10/2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency and the Addendum prepared by CDFW for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. The subsequent Addendum to the final EIR prepared by CDFW on August 29, 2018 and CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency are available at CDFW's regional office.

*Signature*  *Date:* 6/10/2020  
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager, Central Region

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