

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012016

Project Title: Solano 4 Wind Project

Project Location (Solano): Project activities are generally located at five unnamed channels near Montezuma Hills Road and Toland Lane in the City of Rio Vista, County of Solano, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0318-R3 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).

Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) technique will be used to install 10-inch diameter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) casings and a new feeder circuit below four (4) unnamed drainages. The launching and receiving pits will each measure approximately 25 square feet (5 feet wide by 5 feet long). All HDD activities will occur at a minimum depth of approximately four to eleven feet below the ground surface.

Additionally, the project involves installation of a new stream crossing, which will allow for transportation of decommissioned turbines off the site and new turbines onto the site for installation. The stream crossing will be in place for a maximum of 18 months while project activities are being conducted.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 9, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project **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 for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were not** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Melissa Farinha

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