

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018071002

Project Title: Strauss Wind Energy Farm (Amendment of Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0314-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The Project site is located in the city of Lompoc in an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County. The Project site is bounded by Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) on the south and west sides and private property on the north and east sides (Figure 1 below). The Project area lies within the Tranquillon Mountain, Lompoc Hills, and Lompoc U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangles at latitude 34° 34' 59" N and longitude 120° 30' 55" W.

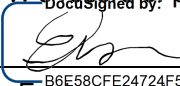
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2018-0314-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Gordon MacDougall, Strauss Wind Energy, LLC.

The overall project is the construction of a commercial wind energy farm on 5,618 acres of land. Project activities include improvements to existing roads, the construction of new access roads, wind turbine pads, a laydown yard, and a water well. The project will result in a total of 2.13 acres of permanent impacts to streams vegetated with 0.60 acres of annual brome grassland, 1.21 acres of arroyo willow thickets, 0.01 acres of blue elderberry stands, 0.06 acres of California sagebrush scrub, 0.13 acres of creeping ryegrass tufts, and 0.12 acre of unvegetated stream channel.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 24, 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** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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.

Signature:  Date: 9/22/2023
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 Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____