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

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH # 2018071002

Project Title: Strauss Wind Energy Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2018-065-05 [ITP])

Project Location (include county): The project site is located in unincorporated Santa Barbara County approximately 1.8 miles southwest of the City of Lompoc. The site is located within the California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Tranquillon Mountain, Lompoc Hills, and Lompoc 7.5-minute quadrangles. The Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) associated with this project are: 083-100-004, 083-080-004, 083-090-002, 083-250-011, 083-100-008, 083-090-003, 083-100-007, and 083-090-004.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed ITP Amendment number 2080-2018-010-05-A1, pursuant to section 2081 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Strauss Wind, LLC.

As a result of the impossibility of implementing certain mitigation requirements as written in the ITP, the Major Amendment makes changes to the ITP for the following reasons: 1) document additional avoidance measures in the project description; 2) minimize take of, and reduce indirect impacts to, Covered Species; 3) delete and replace Condition of Approval 9.2 (the off-site mitigation); and 4) make additional conforming changes to other Conditions of Approval throughout the ITP that resulted from the changes. CDFW received the Major Amendment request on May 20, 2020.

The ITP 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 _____ 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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Ed Pert

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Signature

Date: 7/3/2020

Ed Pert, Regional Manager, South Coast Region

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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