

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008041038

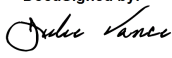
Project Title: Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project: Barren Ridge Switching Station (Project); Minor Amendment No. 2 to the California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2013-067-04 (ITP).

Project Location: The Project is located approximately 9 miles north of California City, Kern County, approximately 0.5 mile west of Highway 14, and approximately 0.25 mile north of Pine Tree Road.

Project Description: The Project involves the 14.93-acre expansion of an existing 2.9-acre switching station (for a total 17.83-acre station), including the construction of electrical structures and equipment for transmission lines associated with industrial-sized solar and wind facilities. Project work began in 2014. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) and Mohave ground squirrel (*Xerospermophilus mohavensis*), which are designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above, as amended, authorizes incidental take of these two species that may occur as a result of Project implementation. Amendment No. 2 allows for the use of biological monitors to assist designated biologists and replaces a figure attachment, correcting a discrepancy.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 8/26/2021 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 as amended is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 8/26/2021

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____