

**Notice of Determination**

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**

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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108  
 State Clearinghouse Number: 1996051047

**Project Title:** Holliday Rock Phase 3, Little Rock (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA)  
 Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2024-055-05 (WJTCA ITP))

**Project Location (include county):** The Holliday Rock Phase 3, Little Rock Project (Project) is located on a 40-acre parcel with Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) 3042-023-002 within the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County. The Project is bounded by Little Rock Wash to the east and Holliday Rock Company, Inc. ongoing mining operations to the South.

**Project Description:** This proposed project involves 40 acres of gravel mining to extract rock, sand, and gravel. After the top six inches of soil is removed, the project site will be mined to a depth of approximately 120 feet. Project activities include vegetation removal, mining, and mineral extraction. Extracted material will be transported via heavy haul trucks or conveyors to an aggregate plant off site.

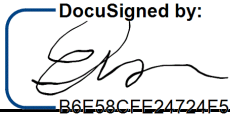
The Project will result in incidental take of 54 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*)(WJT). WJT is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of WJT that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ the lead agency /  a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on the date signed below 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 mitigated 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.

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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.

*Signature*  *Date:* 1/15/2025

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Erinn Wilson-Olgin, *Regional Manager*