

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018094003

Project Title: Delaney Colorado River Transmission Ten West Link Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0285-R6)

Project Location (include county): Within Riverside County, lines and towers will span from Latitude 33.538°, Longitude -114.551°, Section 26, Township 7 South Range 23 East, USGS Blythe Quadrant, APN 875152003, through Latitude 33.538°, Longitude -114.714, Section 30, Township 7 South Range 23 East, USGS Ripley Quadrant, APN 872020009, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Bannock, Meridian San Bernardino.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0285-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project applicant, Mr. Himanshu Saxena/DCR Transmission, LLC.

The TWL transmission line will span the Colorado River about 4.8 miles south of I-10 and 0.5 miles south of 22nd Avenue, and traverse about 10.5 miles of cultivated fields in the Palo Verde Valley parallel to the existing DPV 500 kV transmission line. Transmission towers will be located in agricultural fields and access will be from existing roads and through those fields west of that developed area. The line, continuing to parallel three other existing transmission lines, will turn northeast for 3.6 miles along the eastern edge of Palo Verde Mesa and then continue west for 6.6 miles across that mesa to the Colorado River Substation. West of the developed agricultural fields, the TWL transmission line will cross about 11.1 miles of generally undeveloped land on Palo Verde Mesa. The line then will cross Palo Verde Mesa to the west before turning southwest to the CRS. The westernmost approximately 5 miles of the TWL transmission line route crosses sand dunes located around and to the north of the CRS.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on December 6, 2021, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. 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 / 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature:  DocuSigned by:
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Chris Hayes, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____