

Notice of Determination

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From:

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2019060259

Project Title: Sanborn 2.0 Solar Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2024-061-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The Project is located in an unincorporated area within southeastern Kern County, approximately one mile south of the community of Mojave, 17 miles southeast of the City of Tehachapi, and 10 miles north of the community of Rosamond.

Project Description: The Project includes the construction, operation, and maintenance of 1,215 acres of undeveloped land into a 220-megawatt solar energy facility with up to 4 gigawatt hours of battery energy storage. The facility will include solar arrays, collector lines, energy storage systems, and other associated electrical infrastructure.

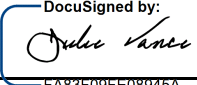
The Project is expected to result in incidental take of the State candidate western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*) which is protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The Project is expected to cause permanent impacts to 1,215 acres of occupied habitat for western burrowing owl. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW 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 1/6/2025 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):

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- 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  FA83F09FE08945A... *Date:* 1/6/2025

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____