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

State Clearinghouse Number: 201909215

Project Title: AVEP BESS Bridge Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-28708-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur in an unnamed stream approximately 9.5 miles west of the City of Rosamond, southeastern Kern County, California in southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Willow Springs, MDB & M; Latitude 34.881003 N, Longitude -118.34537 W; Assessor's Parcel Number 000-358-10-04-0.

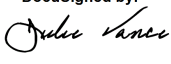
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-28708-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, AVEP BESS, LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the construction of a bridge structure along a road that will access a battery energy storage system (BESS) within a larger solar development site (Rabbitbrush Solar) that is currently under construction.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 12/21/2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project 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 made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were 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.

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