

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019090305

Project Title: Pastoria Solar Energy Project (Project) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-53404-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at nine discreet Work Areas within a 650-acre photovoltaic solar development located approximate 4.5 miles east of Interstate 5, and approximately one mile north of Edmonston Pumping Plant Road in the city of Lebec within Kern County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-53404-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Permittee Pastoria Solar Energy Company, LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the improvement of four access roads and the installation of an underground cable at multiple locations within the greater Project area. The work is being conducted to facilitate the construction and operation of a 650-acre photovoltaic electrical generating facility.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 2/28/2025 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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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date: 2/28/2025

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