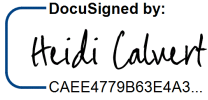


**Notice of Determination****- 1 -****To:**Office of Planning and Research  
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Phone: (760) 269-0088**From:****SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**  
State Clearinghouse Number: 2019099065**Project Title:** Amethyst Water Pipeline Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2023-010-06 (ITP))**Project Location (include county):** The Amethyst Water Pipeline Project (Project) is located at Assessor's Parcel Number 3128-031-01-0000 within the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County. The Project is located in Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12 of the Hesperia, California US Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.**Project Description:** This proposed project involves installation of approximately 1 mile of a new subsurface 24-inch water pipeline along Amethyst Road. Project Activities include grubbing and grading of the work area, vegetation removal, digging a trench between 5 to 10 feet wide by 5 feet deep to accommodate a new pipeline installation within a 100-ft wide work area approximately 12.79 acres, excavation, stockpiling and backfilling, and other activities.The Project will result in incidental take of 39 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), which is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of western Joshua tree 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.

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- 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 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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:* 11/4/2024

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager