

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020040122

**Project Title:** Westside Canal Battery Storage Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. IMP-25739-R6)

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located in the unincorporated Mount Signal area of Imperial County, California, approximately 8 miles southwest of the city of El Centro and approximately 5.3 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border; Latitude 32.731666, Longitude -115.71854.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number IMP-25739-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Consolidated Edison Development.

The Project consists of activities associated with construction of the Westside Canal Battery Storage Project, a utility-scale energy storage complex. The Project is limited to activities which will occur during the first phase, including construction of a clear-span County-specified bridge over Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) Westside Main Canal, widening an existing culvert where an access road crosses the Fern Sidemain Canal, and construction of a new access road to the bridge from Liebert Road.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement on the date signed below 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 execution of the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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*Alisa Ellsworth*

3/1/2022

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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