

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**Office of Planning and Research
[CEQA Submit](#)**From:** (CDFW)Region 4; Central Region
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Lead Agency

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State Clearinghouse Number: 2020040291

Project Title: Rosamond Switching Station (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2024-032-04 (ITP))**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located at 10310 Rosamond Boulevard, 8 miles west of the unincorporated community of Rosamond in Kern County. The Project is bordered by Rosamond Boulevard to the north and 100th Street to the east.**Project Description:** This proposed project includes the construction and operation of a 230 kV switching station and battery energy storage system (BESS) on approximately 120 acres for storage of energy produced by the adjacent Rosamond Solar Project.The Project will result in incidental take of 15 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.
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.

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- 6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
- 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.

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Signature _____ Date: 2/4/2025
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