

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020059008

Project Title: Aramis Solar Energy Generation and Storage Project (California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-093-03 (ITP))

Project Location: The Aramis Solar Energy Generation and Storage Project (Project) is located in the North Livermore Valley of unincorporated Alameda County approximately 2.4 miles north of the intersection of Interstate (I)-580 and North Livermore Avenue and centered at 37.74722° N, 121.77326° W (WGS84).

Project Description: The Project includes the development of approximately 398 acres of undeveloped land into a 100-megawatt (MW) capacity solar energy generation and storage facility and the facility's subsequent operation, decommissioning or repowering. Major Project components are the solar facility that includes photovoltaic modules and energy collection system, a project substation, the Battery Electrical Storage System (BESS), various support facilities, a generation intertie (gen-tie) line, and a Sustainable Agricultural Management Plan. The Project will take place over approximately 32 years in three phases: a Construction Phase (9 months over a 2-year period, anticipated from 2025-2026), an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Phase (25 years, anticipated from 2027-2051), and a Decommissioning or Repowering Phase (5 years, anticipated from 2052-2056).

The Project will result in impacts to 420.1 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat including 24.3 acres of permanent impacts and 395.8 acres of temporary impacts. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander, which is designated as a threatened species under CESA. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA 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 5/23/2024 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 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.
 6. Findings [were / were not] 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 EIR 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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Erin Chappell

Signature

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Date: 5/23/2024

Erin Chappell, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____