

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

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From:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2020070496

Project Title: Development of APNs 3065-481-08, -09, -10, -11 (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2024-015-06 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The project is located in the unincorporated community of Phelan, County of San Bernardino, State of California. The project is located approximately 3 miles from U.S. 395 and occurs on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 3065-481-08, -09, -10, -11. The project is bordered by Baldy Mesa Rd to the east, Arrowhead Road to the west, Phelan Road to the south, and Yucca Terrace Drive to the north.

Project Description: The proposed project involves the development of a storage facility and recreational vehicle (RV) storage. The project will occur in 2 phases (Phase 1 and Phase 2). Phase 1 includes the construction of a storage facility that includes: a 2,160 square foot (sf) office, a 2,388-sf caretaker residence, a 19,320-sf building (Building A), a 24,046-sf building (Building B), a 23,129- sf building (Building C), a 6,906-sf building (Building D), and a 14, 520-sf building (Building E). Phase 2 includes the development of an RV storage that includes the installation of gravel across APN 3065-481-08 and APN 3064-481-09, along with 4 light fixtures and a water quality basin.

The project will result in incidental take of 39 western Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*), which are 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:

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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.
6. Findings 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 Heidi Calvert Date: 9/11/2024
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 Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager