

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

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

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH No. 2020090176

**Project Title:** Baldy Mesa Solar Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2020-037-06 (ITP))

**Project Location:** The Project is located in the northwestern portion of the City of Adelanto within the Mojave Desert on approximately 1,197 acres. The main Project area is bounded by El Mirage Road on the south, Colusa Road on the north, extends 0.5 mile west of Richardson Road on the west, and to Raccoon Road on the east.

**Project Description:** The Project involves the construction of a utility-scale solar energy and energy storage facility. The Project would employ solar photovoltaic (PV) modules that would generate up to 200 Megawatts (MW). The substation will be in the southeast region of the project site. Power will be delivered to the SCE Roadway Substation via an approximate 5-mile 115 kV gen-tie. The Project also includes a battery electrical storage system (BESS) that would store up to +/- 100 MWAC of electricity for dispatch into the local SCE grid.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on March 17, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision.

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):  
 A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

Responsible Agency statement: The MND 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.

*Richard Burg*  
 Signature

3/17/2022  
 Date:

Richard Burg, Acting Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_