

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020120489

Project Title: Alta Mesa Wind Project Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-16203-R6

Project Location: The Alta Mesa Wind Project is located on 93.7 acres of private lands in Riverside County, 11 miles northwest of the City of Palm Springs. From I-10, take exit 110 for Haugen-Lehman Way north, then continue on Haugen-Lehman Way, right onto Cottonwood Drive, then right onto Rockview Drive. It is west of the Whitewater River and east of Cottonwood Creek, shown on the White Water USGS 7.5-minute topographic quad (USGS, 1955). Access to Alta Mesa Wind is through the existing Mesa Wind Project Repower.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-RIV-16203-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, AM Wind Repower, LLC

The Project is a repower of the existing Alta Mesa Wind energy facility. The repower project has a total disturbance area of about 93.7 acres including access roads, pad sites for wind turbine generators (WTGs), and operations and maintenance (O&M) facilities. The repower project will replace the existing turbines with 7 new WTGs on a total of 93.7 acres. The repower will produce up to a total of 27 megawatts (MW) of power. This will result in permanent impacts to a total of 0.64 acres of state jurisdictional resources.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on June 2, 2021 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 made a condition of CDFW’s approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW’s regional office.

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