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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021010168

Project Title: Bellefield Solar Project by 50LW 8ME LLC (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-24500-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at thirty-nine different work areas in streams over an 8,371-acre solar development area and 14.5-mile-long transmission line corridor, east and west of the Town of Mojave, north and south of State Route 58, Kern County, California.

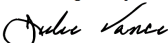
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-24500-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicants, 50LW 8ME LLC, 26SB 8ME LLC, 51LV 8ME LLC, and 59TC 8ME LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the construction of a utility-scale photovoltaic solar generation facility over 8,371 acres and a 14.5-mile-long generation-tie transmission line. Activities will include the installation of solar panels, perimeter fencing, collector lines, gen-tie installation, tension pulling sites, access roads, and Arizona-style road crossings. Other activities will include the construction of operations and maintenance buildings, solar infrastructure, and staging/storage areas that will support the solar facility.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 8/24/2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project 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 adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

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Date: 8/24/2022

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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