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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021020513

**Project Title:** Aratina Solar Project by 64NB 8ME LLC (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-25818-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project will occur at twenty-two different work areas in streams over a 2,317-acre solar development area and within a transmission line corridor that extends approximately 6.5 miles east of the solar development area, west and south of the communities of Desert Lake and Boron, north and south of State Route 58 between Gephart Road and the Kern – San Bernardino County Line, in Kern County and within the existing northeastern utilities' corridor of Edwards Air Force Base, in San Bernardino County.

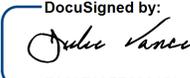
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-25818-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, 64NB 8ME LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the construction of a utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar generation facility over 2,317 acres and over a generation-intertie (gen-tie) transmission line that will extend approximately 6.5 miles east of the solar generation facility. Activities included in the larger PV solar facility development that will intersect Project streams include the construction of security fences, access roads, PV arrays, operations and maintenance (O&M) buildings, substations, energy storage systems (ESS), and transmission line infrastructure.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 4/20/2023 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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