

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**Office of Planning and Research
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Email: rleonard@cityofhesperia.us**From:****SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**
State Clearinghouse Number: 2022080248**Project Title:** Poplar 18 (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2023-008-06 (ITP))**Project Location (San Bernardino County):** The Poplar 18 (Project) is located within the City of Hesperia, San Bernardino County. The Project site is located south of Main Street, west of Mesa Linda Street, north of I-15 and Poplar Street, and east of U.S. Highway 395 and Lassen Road. The Project is bounded by Interstate 15 to the east and U.S. Route 395 in the west and consists of two parcels: Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 3064-581-04-0000 and 3064-581-05-0000. Specifically, the Project site is located in Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 5 West at 34.416544 latitude, -117.392503 longitude.**Project Description:** This proposed project involves the construction of an industrial warehouse and associated improvements on 17.87 acres of undeveloped land. The Project includes a 414,700 square foot warehouse space and associated components, including loading docks, tractor-trailer stalls, passenger vehicle parking spaces, stormwater detention basins, and landscape area. Project Activities include grubbing and grading of the entire Project site, trenching, building construction, road construction, paving, tree removal, and other activities using backhoes, tractors/mowers, loaders, mulchers, and rubber-tired dozers.The Project will result in incidental take of 34 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), which is 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 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):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The EIR/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 _____ Date: 5/10/2024
 Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager