

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

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**  
State Clearinghouse Number: 2022100646

**Project Title:** Mojave Micro Mill Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA)  
Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2024-073-04 (ITP))

**Project Location:** The Mojave Micro Mill Project (Project) is on 174 acres located at 506 Sopp Road, within the City of Mojave, in unincorporated southeastern Kern County, California. The Project is located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 431-010-02 and 431-030-02, approximately 57 miles southeast of the City of Bakersfield, 4 miles north of the community of Rosamond, and 8 miles south of Mojave, at approximately 34.933830 latitude, -118.144760 longitude.

**Project Description:** The Project involves the construction of a micro mill facility and associated infrastructure necessary to produce rebar from scrap metal through various recycling processes. The development includes a micro mill facility, accessory buildings made up of 13 attached and detached buildings and eight ancillary structures, and a 63-acre accessory solar array on 174 total acres of privately owned land.

The Project will result in incidental take of 198 western Joshua tree (WJT) (*Yucca brevifolia*), which is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. 190 WJT will be removed, 8 WJT will be encroached upon, and 12 WJT will be avoided. 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:

**Notice of Determination**

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 /  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):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The EIR 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: 1/31/2025

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