

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022110240

Project Title: Easley Renewable Energy Project Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-50158-R6

Project Location (Riverside County): The Project is located on approximately 3,735 acres of private and Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered land north of Interstate 10 and approximately two miles north of Desert Center, California within U.S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangles East of Victory Pass, Victory Pass, Corn Spring, and Desert Center.

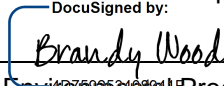
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-RIV-50158-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, IP Easley, LLC, IP Easley II, LLC, and IP Easley III, LLC, subsidiaries of Intersect Power, LLC.

The Project involves development of a utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) electrical generating and storage facility and associated infrastructure to generate and deliver renewable electricity to the statewide electricity transmission grid. The Project would generate up to 390 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity via arrays of solar PV panels, store up to 650 MW in a battery energy storage system and include appurtenant facilities. Construction equipment used to complete the Project will include but not be limited to mowers, graders, backhoes, pile drivers, auger trucks, boom trucks, tractors, and trenchers.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 22, 2024 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 EIR 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  _____ Date: 11/22/2024
Brandy Wood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____