

Notice of Determination

To:
Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail:
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, California 95812-3044

Street Address:
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Central Region
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710
Contact: Ren Cotter
Phone: (559) 767-0956



Lead Agency:
Kern County
Planning and Natural Resources Department
2700 M Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, California 93301
Contact: Alexis Brito
Phone: (661) 862-5029

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023050214

Project Title: Darkstar Substation (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-49957-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur on an approximately 12-acre Project site located at 8015 Oak Creek Road, about 15 miles southeast of Tehachapi, and north of the existing Southern California Edison (SCE)-owned Windhub Substation.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-49957-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicants, Darkstar, LLC; Darkstar I, LLC; Daylight II, LLC; Daylight III, LLC and Daylight IIIb, LLC.

The Project includes the construction of a utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar Substation Site, a Retention Basin, and a Gen-Tie Access Road.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 8/2/2024 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 environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

DocuSigned by:
Krista Tomlinson
12950B95267A4E5

Signature:

Date: 8/2/2024

For Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____