

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024020680

Project Title: Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 83359 (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2024-061-05 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): TTM 83359 (Project) is located on a 20-acre parcel with Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 3023-002-186 within the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County. The Project is bounded by Palmdale Blvd. to the North and Oak Street to the East.

Project Description: This proposed project involves the development of 20 acres into affordable single-family homes, a recreation center, community amenities, and a drainage basin. Project activities include vegetation removal, grading, asphalt paving, and building construction.

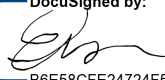
The Project will result in incidental take of 542 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), which is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) authorizes incidental take of western 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:

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.

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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 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: 1/17/2025

Erinn Wilson-Olgin, *Regional Manager*