

# Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2011054002

**Project Title:** Palen Solar Photovoltaic Project Amendment of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0165-R6 (Revision 2)

**Project Location:** The Palen Solar Photovoltaic Project (Project) is located entirely on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in unincorporated Riverside County, California. (Fig 1) The Project is located approximately ten miles east of the unincorporated community of Desert Center just north of Interstate (I-10), halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe. It is located at Latitude: N 33.70° and Longitude: W -115.22° (NAD 83 or WGS 84).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an amendment for Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0165-R6 (Revision 2), pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Palen Solar Holdings, LLC.

The amendment for Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0165-R6 (Revision 2) will result in 22.8 acres less impacts to jurisdictional resources. In addition, the completion of compensatory mitigation will be extended another 18 months to be completed by April 12, 2022.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on September 2, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. 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 /  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 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. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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