

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018101047

Project Title: Gonzaga Ridge Wind Repowering Project (Project) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-51654-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at 13 discreet Work Areas within the 1,771-acre Gonzaga Ridge Wind Energy generation complex, located in Pacheco State Park, west of the San Luis Reservoir and south of State Route 152, Merced County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-51654-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Permittee RE Slate 1, LLC.

The Project includes activities related to the improvement of existing access roads and the installation of an underground collection line system at multiple locations throughout the greater Project Area. The work is being conducted to facilitate the decommissioning of existing wind turbines and associated overhead collection lines, and the installation of new turbine infrastructure and underground collection line at the Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 12/4/2024 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.

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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date: 12/4/2024

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