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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) (Amendment No. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-13322-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project will occur at 24 different Work Areas within the San Luis Reservoir and within streams, along an energy transmission line corridor access road, on the western and southern boundary of the San Luis Reservoir, Merced County, California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 1 to Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-MER-13322-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm, LLC represented by Casey Willis.

The Project includes activities related to the construction of five permanent and nineteen temporary stream crossings along new and existing dirt access roads. The Project work is being done to support the construction of a new above-ground 16-mile-long power transmission line connecting wind turbines at the Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm to the Los Banos Substation. Changes to the Project associated with Amendment No. 1 includes changing the Permittee and associated contact information, modifying 10 crossings, and revising avoidance language regarding the state candidate western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 3/18/2025 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 as 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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