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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2009081105

Project Title: US 395 Widening of Existing US 395 Project, Contract 2 (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-004-06 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The US 395 Widening of Existing US 395 Project, Contract 2 (Project) is located along approximately seven miles of US-395 from post mile (PM) R4.0 to PM 11.2 within San Bernardino County, from 0.4 mile north of Interstate 15 to State Route 18 / Palmdale Road.

Project Description: This proposed Project involves adding one northbound and one southbound lane to US-395, for a total of four travel lanes (two northbound and two southbound) from PM R4.0 to PM 11.2. Project Activities include removal of vegetation, grading, and paving.

The Project will result in incidental take of 158 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 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.

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- 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.
- 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). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
- 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: 4/25/2025

for

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager