

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2013041031

Project Title: California Flats Solar Project (Amendment No. 3 and Extension to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2015-0041-R4).

Project Location: The Project is located at 153 distinct locations within a 2,640-acre larger solar development, which is generally located north of State Route 41, east of Cholame Valley Road, approximately 1.0 mile north of Turkey Flat Road, and approximately 12 miles west of State Route 33 in southeastern Monterey County and northern San Luis Obispo County, California

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No.3 to Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2015-0041-R4, issued to California Flats Solar, LLC.

The Project includes construction of up to 56 road crossings, one clear-span bridge, up to 23 trench crossings to install underground electrical cables beneath or adjacent to the proposed road crossings, and installation of photovoltaic panel support piles and security perimeter fencing through Cottonwood Creek, Cholame Creek, their unnamed tributaries, and other unnamed streams. Amendment No. 3 includes removing one cable installation project and replacing with a similar project at a location in a different stream; and leaving a water pipeline installed by horizontal directional drilling in place rather than removing after project construction. The Extension extends the expiration date of the Agreement from May 25, 2021 to May 25, 2026.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 2/11/2021 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 Received for filing at OPR: _____