

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018061031

Project Title: Camino Solar Project by Aurora Solar, LCC (Avangrid Renewables, LLC) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-26302-R4)

Project Location: The Project includes activities in an unnamed ephemeral stream within three Work Areas located over an approximately 383-acre solar development area, in Kern County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-26302-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Avangrid Renewables.

The Project includes the construction of a utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar generation facility capable of generating up to 44 MW of alternating current (AC) power, which includes: perimeter fence, energy dissipator, and solar array area installation. Project is expected to result in 0.38 acre of permanent impacts to the stream.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 9/28/2023 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: 9/28/2023

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____