

Notice of Determination**- 1 -**

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Office of Planning and Research
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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108*
State Clearinghouse Number: 2018061031

Project Title: Camino Solar Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA)
Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2023-017-04 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Project is located in the north-central Antelope Valley on the lower foothills of the Tehachapi Mountains, in southern Kern County, California approximately 12 miles south of the City of Tehachapi and approximately 16 miles northwest of the unincorporated community of Rosamond on approximately 287 acres of private and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered land.

Project Description: This proposed Project involves the construction and operation, and maintenance of a 44 MW PV solar facility on approximately 287 acres of private and BLM land.

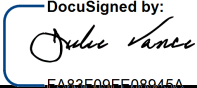
The Project will result in incidental take of 63 western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) which is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of western Joshua tree that may occur as a result 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.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.

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- 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 made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
- 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 EIR 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.

Signature  *Date:* 2/29/2024

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*