

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

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**From:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2011101007

Project Title: McCoy Solar Energy Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2012-026-06 A1 (ITP))

**Project Location:** The McCoy Solar Energy Project (Project) project is located on Bureau of Land Management and Riverside County land approximately 13 miles northwest of the town of Blythe, California, and 6 miles north of Interstate-10. It is southwest of McCoy Wash, east of the McCoy Mountains, and north of the Blythe Airport all within the County of Riverside.

**Project Description:** This proposed project is an amendment to the Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2012-026-06 (ITP). This amendment will add three additional Permittees to the ITP; Arlington Energy Center II, LLC; Arlington Energy Center III, LLC; and Arlington Solar, LLC. McCoy Solar, LLC shall remain as a Permittee. A new site plan (Figure 1) identifies each of these areas and the legal entity responsible for each. This new site plan (Figure 1) replaces Figure 1 of the original ITP. Each permittee is responsible for complying with the Conditions of Approval and other requirements and obligations of the ITP applicable to the activities undertaken for its designated area. All conditions in the original ITP remain in effect.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [ the lead agency /  a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on July 15, 2022 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 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.
  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).
  7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4:
    - 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.

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*Heidi Calvert*

Signature

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager

Date:

7/15/2022

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_