

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

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From:

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Lead Agency

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018068462

Project Title: State Route 14 at Dawn Road Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-081-04 (ITP)).

Project Location: The Project involves a 0.86-acre portion of the Caltrans right-of-way immediately west of the SR 14 southbound lanes south of where SR 14 intersects with Dawn Road in eastern Kern County.

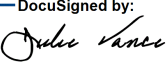
Project Description: The Project involves the remediation for habitat disturbance associated with unauthorized take of the Covered species and cultural support efforts associated with three damaged individuals to prevent mortality which were run over by a construction vehicle at the Project Area during the implementation of the larger Rosamond Mojave Rehab Project.

The Project may result in take of western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), including mortality ("kill"). Western Joshua tree is a candidate for State listing under the California Endangered Species Act. Permittee will mitigate through the purchase of a single western Joshua tree credit from a CDFW-approved conservation bank.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 9/12/2022 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 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 not made/ were 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 IS/MND prepared by the lead agency for the larger 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


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Date: 9/12/2022

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____