

Notice of Determination

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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: 2018031027

Project Title: Cobalt Solar Project (Phase 2 of the Crimson Solar Project) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-42640-R6)

Project Location (include county): County of Riverside, west of the City of Blythe, south of Interstate 10

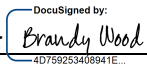
Project Description: This proposed project involves a minor amendment to the Permittee. The Amendment changed the Permittee for this project from Recurrent Energy to RE Cobalt, LLC.

The amendment to the SAA will not change the impacts or mitigation as stated. The Project Activities outlined in this Project include: installation of 19.58 miles of desert tortoise exclusion fencing, 125 corner posts, and 207 brace posts; installation of 6- to 8-foot-high security fencing with gates topped with barbed wire; site preparations including vegetation removal, grubbing and grading; installation of photovoltaic (PV) array fields; construction of access roads and low water crossings, including riprap and fill materials; construction of inverter transformer stations, PV module interconnections, ancillary structures (operation and maintenance building, substations), and stormwater basins.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Lead Agency, approved the project described above on March 6, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to the provisions of CEQA..

The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  _____ Date: 3/6/2025
Brandy Wood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____