

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

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From:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
 Inland Deserts Region
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Lead Agency **(same)****SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**

State Clearinghouse Number:2018031027

Project Title: Crimson Solar Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-015-06 A1 (ITP))

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

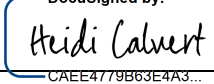
Project Description: This proposed project involves an amendment to the ITP 2081-2021-015-06 to include the two additional Permittees covering their respective phases. Table 1 shows which permittee is assigned to each Phase, Table 2 shows the new phases, and the required mitigation credits are aligned with the phases. The performance security matches the new phases and is required prior to each phase rather than 30 days from the effective date of the ITP.

Changes to the project will not increase the impacts or mitigation stated in the original ITP. The Project will result in impacts to 1,984 acres of desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of desert tortoise, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the lead agency, approved the above-described project on October 7, 2021 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 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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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 Signature _____ for _____ Date: 10/7/2021
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 Leslie MacNair, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____