

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2017092042

**Project Title:** Rancho Seco Solar II Project (Project)(California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2018-057-02-A2 (ITP))

**Project Location:** The Project is located at 14960 Twin Cities Road in the unincorporated community of Herald, in the County of Sacramento, State of California; Latitude 38°20'42", Longitude 121°07'19" or Sections 28 29, 32, Township 6N, Range 8E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Clay and Goose Creek quadrangles; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 140-0050-008, 140-0050-0011, 140-0050-0010 and 140-0050-0013.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended ITP No. 2081-2018-057-02, pursuant to section 2081 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Permittee, Rancho Seco Solar II, LLC, as represented by Chris Clevenger.

The Project includes construction and operation of a new photovoltaic (PV) solar power facility and decommissioning and removal of an existing solar power facility. The Project encompasses approximately 554 acres comprised of the PV solar panels, inverters, a substation, switchyard, battery storage and interconnection to the existing transmission system.

CDFW has accepted the Permittee's request for a minor amendment to the ITP issued on August 6, 2019 and amended on December 18, 2020. The construction of the solar array portion of the Project, as described in ITP amendment #1, has been completed. As such, the Permittee is transitioning the site into long-term operations and fulfilling the mitigation obligations described in the amended ITP. Completion of the construction and ongoing work on the mitigation has prompted the need for further refinement of the amended ITP to facilitate operations and completion of the mitigation obligations. While Project activities are the same as those in the amended ITP, the Permittee has requested the amended ITP have an: 1) updated Project Description, 2) a refinement of the Project's mitigation requirement considering efforts to decrease the Project's impact on the Covered Species, and 3) an updated mitigation timeframe to accommodate logistical complexities.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above described amendment to the ITP on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the Project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of execution of the amendment to the ITP as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  Date: 6/9/2021  
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 Regional Manager