

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

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2017021004

Project Title: Desert Knolls Wash Phase III Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-017-06 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): Desert Knolls Wash within the Town of Apple Valley, in the County of San Bernardino. Located at Latitude 34.535742, Longitude -117.278972, or Section 11 and 12, Township 5N, Range 4W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Victorville, San Bernardino meridian.

Project Description: This proposed project involves grading the side slopes of Desert Knolls Wash to a 2:1 slope, stabilizing the slopes with grouted and un-grouted large diameter rock, and installing grade stabilization structures in the wash invert to prevent erosion. In addition to the flood control improvements, an access road will be constructed along the southerly side of the wash to facilitate access for future maintenance, and a road crossing over the wash in the form of a concrete box or arch culvert will be constructed at one location in the northerly section of the wash. The staging area will be adjacent to Desert Knolls Wash in the northeastern portion of the Project site.

The Project will result in incidental take of five (5) western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*), which is protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of western Joshua tree that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on the date signed below and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

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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 mitigated 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). 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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 Heidi Calvert Date: 5/20/2025
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 Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager