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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008091077

Project Title: Apple Valley Warehouse (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-046-06 (ITP))

Project Location (San Bernardino): The Apple Valley Warehouse Project (Project) is located east of the Walmart Distribution Center bordered by Central Road and Dale Evans Parkway within the Town of Apple Valley, San Bernardino County (see Figure 1). The Project is located approximately 3.5 miles east of Interstate 15 at approximately -34.59889, -117.18234 within Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 3 West in the Apple Valley North Quadrant of the USGS 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle Map. The Project is bounded by Central Road to the east and Johnson Road to the north.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an ITP

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(No. 1927-ITP-2025-046-06), pursuant to Section 1927.3 of the Fish and Game Code to Watson Land Company.

The Project is comprised of the development two warehouses, the West Project will develop 47 acres of undeveloped land into a facility and the East Project will develop 154 acres of undeveloped land into a facility. Project Activities include grubbing and grading of the entire Project Site, trench digging, pile driving, installation of utilities, and vegetation removal.

The Project will result in incidental take of [2] 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 a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 16, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project **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 **was** prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional 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 not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** 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: **A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.**

The environmental impact report 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.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Heidi Calvert CAEE4779B83E4A3... *Date:* 7/16/2026

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager