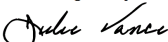


Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
[CEQA Submit](#)**From:**Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
Central Region; Region 4
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Contact: Ren Cotter
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Phone: 559-767-0956**Lead Agency**Kern County
c/o Natural Resources Department
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Email: planning@kerncounty.com**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008121044

Project Title: Mustang Hills Wind Generation Facility-VE249 Repair Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-058-04 (ITP))**Project Location:** The Mustang Hills Wind Facility-VE249 Repair Project (Project) is located approximately three miles west of the city of Mojave and 0.6 miles north of Oak Creek Road and .03 miles east of Aqueduct Road, Mojave, California 93501, Kern County; Latitude 35.05069 and Longitude -118.23136**Project Description:** The project will occur within the greater Mustang Hills Wind Generation facility which is comprised of approximately 100 wind turbine generators and ancillary facilities on approximately 4,610 acres within Kern County. Specifically, the Project includes activities related to the repair of wind turbine No. VE249, which will disturb 0.46 acre.The Project will result in incidental take of 50 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:

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 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.
- Responsible Agency statement: 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: _____
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Date: 2/12/2026

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager