

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

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 94072048

Project Title: Mojave River Traveling Screen Project (Project) (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-042-06 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at 11987 Duncan Road, Phelan, CA 92371, centered approximately at latitude 34.469530, longitude 117.469180. The Project occurs on Assessor's Parcel Number 3070-361-22 and is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Duncan Road and White Road.

Project Description: This proposed Project involves the construction of a traveling screen facility, associated buildings and pipelines, and a 2-acre recharge basin. The traveling screen facility includes a screen structure to house two traveling screens, equipment building that will house spray pumps and recharge pumps for cleaning of the traveling screen facility, a valve vault that will be constructed over existing pipelines to convey water to the traveling screen facility, and associated pipelines to connect the existing pipeline to the traveling screen facility. The 2-acre recharge basin will include an inlet structure, overflow structure, and maintenance road construction around the perimeter of the recharge basin.

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.

Notice of Determination

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 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). The Department 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.

Signature  Date: 9/26/2025

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager