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Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008041038

Project Title: Barren Ridge-Haskell Transmission Line 1 Project (Amendment No. 2 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-32652-R4)

Project Location: The Project includes activities in multiple unnamed ephemeral streams within 465 Work Areas located along approximately 34 miles of existing transmission line within Kern County. The Project is located west of State Route (SR) 14, and the towns of Mojave and California City, and north and south of SR 58.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 2 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-32652-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The Project includes the modification and upgrading of approximately 34 miles of an existing 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Activities include: Site access and rehabilitation of existing access roads, establishment of work areas, removal of existing transmission infrastructure, construction of new transmission structures, and site closeout and restoration of disturbed work areas. Amendment No. 2 includes modification of the Erosion Prevention and Stabilization requirements and updating the permanent Project Impact figures and mitigation requirements to reflect final Project Impact acreage.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 10/27/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency and the Addendum prepared by CDFW for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was** 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 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.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Julie Vance FA83F09FE08945A... *Date:* 10/27/2026

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