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SUBJECT: ***Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108***
State Clearinghouse Number: 2019060259

Project Title: Sanborn 2.0 Solar Project Amendment No. 1 to the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) No. 1927-ITP-2023-019-04)

Project Location: The Sanborn 2.0 Solar Project (Project) is bordered by State Route (SR) 58 to the north and SR 14 to the west, approximately one mile south of the unincorporated community of Mojave and seventeen miles southeast of the City of Tehachapi.

Project Description: The Project involves construction and operation of an approximately 220 megawatt photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility with up to 4 gigawatt hours of energy storage on approximately 1,218 acres. Amendment No. 1 adds an additional 18 permittees to WJTCA ITP.

The Project will result in incidental take of 1,299 western Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifola*), which are 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.

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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.

DocuSigned by:
Julie Vance
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Signature *Date:* 9/16/2025

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*